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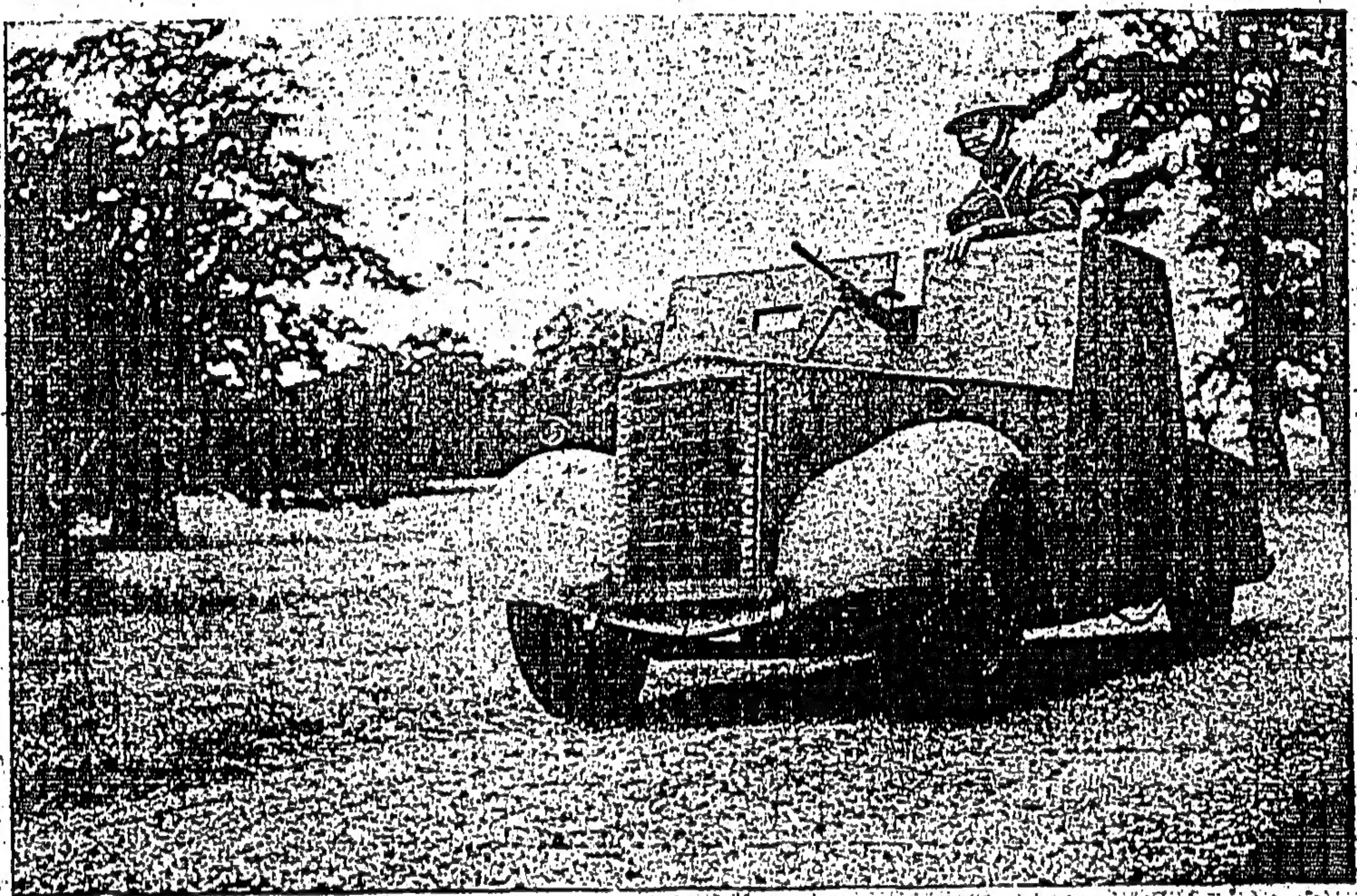
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DECOUX REJECTS ULTIMATUM:

ZERO HOUR ON SEPT. 6?



THE NEW "IRONSIDES"—The new armoured cars with which a famous Cavalry Regiment has been equipped and which have been aptly christened "Ironsides." They are very fast and can negotiate rough country. Copyright Fox.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND CHUNGKING GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING DEFENCE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED IN THE EVENT OF A JAPANESE INVASION OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA TERRITORY HAS BEEN REACHED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM KWONG CHOW WAN.

It is stated that Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of French Indo-China, has assured Chungking that under no circumstances, while he is in control, will he permit the passage of Japanese armed forces through French Indo-China or allow the Japanese to establish military bases in French Indo-China.

Admiral Decoux flatly rejected a Japanese ultimatum presented during the week-end, demanding passage for Japanese troops through Indo-China, in accordance with an agreement alleged to have been reached with Marshal Petain.

Meanwhile, the Japanese fleet, cruising just outside Indo-China territorial waters, is blockading the entire north-east coast.

All vessels to and from Indo-China ports are being stopped. Last week, it is now reported, several high officials of the Chungking Government, held a three-day conference with Indo-China Government officials, including Admiral Decoux.

Defences Manned

Haiphong is now a hive of activity. French and native troops are being mobilised and all de-

fence positions along the coast are being fully manned.

The French authorities have placed a severe censorship on all outgoing telegrams.

Preparations are also being made to evacuate all women and children from ports and towns near the coast. The evacuation has already begun at Saigon.

Inspectorate Withdrawn

Later. Reports from reliable sources in Kwang Chow Wan indicate that Japanese action against Indo-China is imminent.

It is learned that Admiral Decoux's rejection of the Japanese ultimatum which expired yesterday has been followed by the withdrawal of the Japanese "Inspectorate" from Hanoi, and that warning has been given that Zero Hour is to strike on September 6.

SWISS TO INSTAL NEW A.A. GUNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Swiss authorities are to set up large-calibre anti-aircraft guns in the mountains with the aim of ending air violations of Swiss neutrality.

Certain specialised troops have been recalled to man the guns which are being set up as a sequel to alleged British flights over Switzerland on route to Italy.

It was learned in Berne yesterday that a British reply to Switzerland's latest protest is expected shortly. — Havas.

NEW CALEDONIA GOVERNOR 'SACKED'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy Government yesterday relieved M. Bayardelle from his duties as Governor of New Caledonia and has replaced him by M. de la Cloche. — Havas.

NEW ARGENTINE CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A new Argentine Cabinet has been formed, entirely free of any members of pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist sympathies. — Havas.

ANOTHER TYPHOON DEVELOPING

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure continues highest over the Pacific to the north-east of Japan: the typhoon has probably filled up over Korea and another is developing to the south-east of the Loochoos, which will probably move north-west.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds moderate to fresh; cloudy generally.

REFUGEES TRAIN DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fifteen were killed and 50 injured in a collision between a train bringing back Belgian refugees from France and a goods train yesterday. The accident occurred near the River Sambre. — Havas.

JAPANESE UP AGAINST BOYCOTTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Osaka press bureau reported yesterday that the Commerce Department has been investigating the effects of the recent arrests of Britons in Japan upon Japanese trade abroad.

The arrests are stated to have seriously affected the sale of Japanese goods in Canada.

A movement is reported throughout Canada to suspend all transactions in Japanese goods and the Canadian press is agitating for a nationwide boycott.

The report emanates from the head of the Japanese trade bureau in Toronto.

The outlook for the export of sundry goods to Canada is very dark in view of the unfavourable impression created by the arrests. — Havas.

HITLER'S PICTURE TRAMPLED ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEWS REPORTS FROM BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, STATE THAT THE NAZI GOVERNMENT HAS PROTESTED TO RUMANIA OVER AN INCIDENT AT BRASOV, TRANSYLVANIA, IN WHICH THE GERMAN CONSULATE WAS DAMAGED AND PICTURES OF HITLER WERE TRAMPLED INTO THE DUST.

The German and Italian Legations in Bucharest are still being guarded by troops armed with machine-guns.

Hungarian troops are being concentrated for the march into the ceded areas of Transylvania on Thursday. — Havas.

BLOCKADE HITTING TRADE HARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A report published yesterday by the "Central China Daily News," Shanghai organ of the Nanking government, stated an extremely serious trade situation is now occurring in Shanghai due to the Japanese blockade of Chekiang and Fukien.

The situation may bring the total collapse of native goods manufacturers and transportation firms and later affect customs brokers and banks.

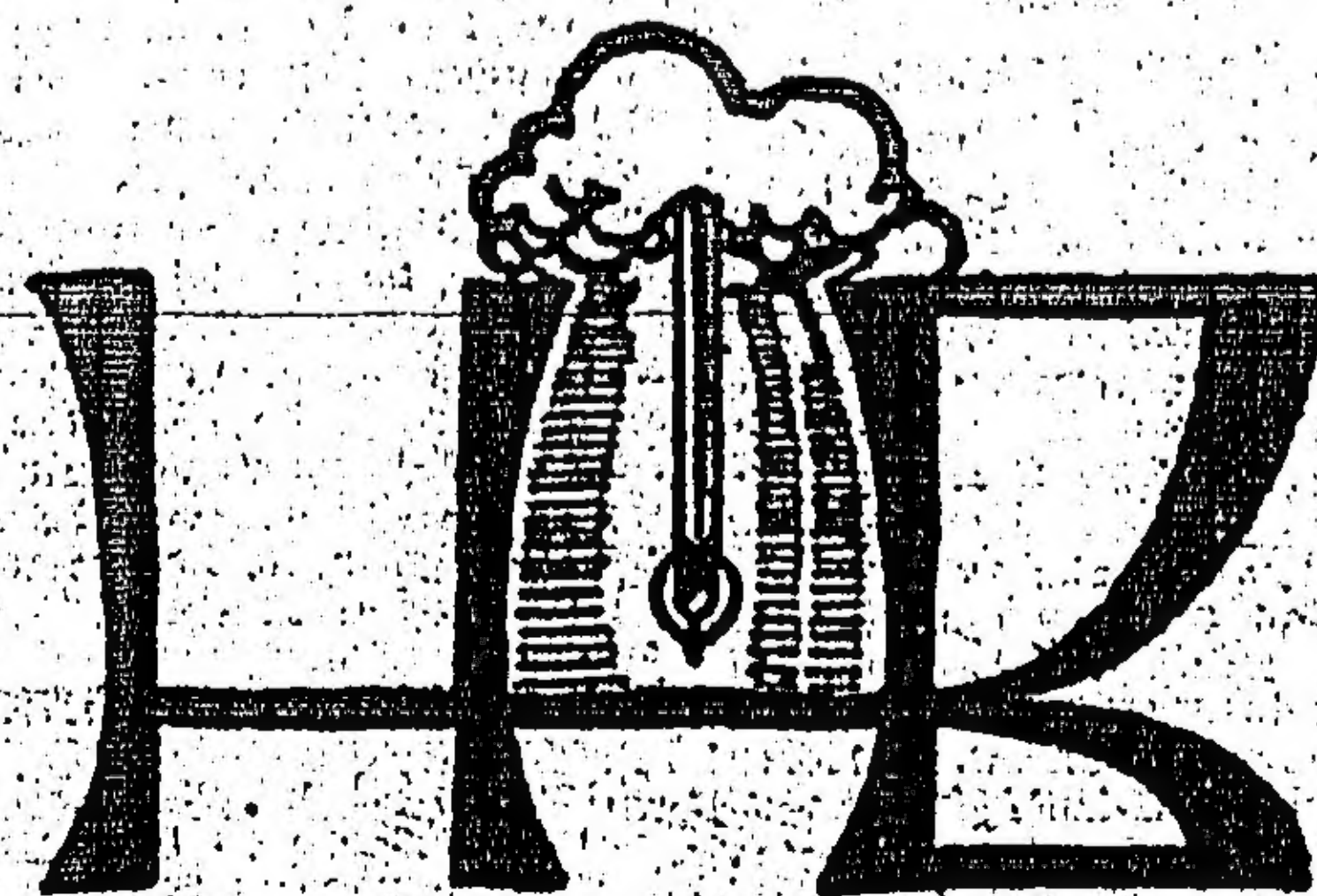
If ships cannot reach the coast, the paper says, the future will be "unthinkable." — Havas.

SHANGHAI FILM DIRECTOR KILLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A lone gunman shot and killed Liu San-ha, head of the Central China Motion Picture Company, in Shanghai yesterday. The murder occurred in the early afternoon in a well-known Chinese restaurant where the victim was having a meal. The murderer escaped. It is not known if the crime was political. — Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Anglo-American Naval Agreement Concluded

DESTROYERS FOR BRITAIN: BASES FOR U.S.

Far-Reaching And Epochal Act

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD CONGRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSFERRING 50 OVER-AGE DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN AGAINST LEASES OF NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH ATLANTIC.

The United States will acquire naval bases in Newfoundland and the islands of Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Trinidad, Antigua and in British Guiana.

"Rights to bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda are gifts generously given and gladly received," President Roosevelt said. The other bases mentioned have been acquired in exchange for the 50 over-age destroyers.

In his message to Congress announcing the Anglo-American naval agreement, President Roosevelt declared: "It is not inconsistent in any sense with our status at peace; still less is it a threat against any nation."

"It is an epochal and far-reaching act in preparation for the continental defence in the face of grave danger."

"Preparation for defence is the inalienable prerogative of a sovereign State and under present circumstances this exercise of sovereign right is essential for the maintenance of our peace and safety."

"This is the most important action in the reinforcement of our national defence that has been taken since the Louisiana purchase (under which the United States acquired from Napoleon the great embryo French empire west of the Mississippi)."

Safety Fundamental

"Then, as now, considerations of safety against attack from overseas were fundamental."

"The value to the Western Hemisphere of these outposts of security is beyond calculation. The need for them has long been recognised by those primarily charged with the duty of charting and organising our own national naval and military defence."

"They are essential to the protection of the Panama Canal, Central America and the northern portion of South America, Antilles, Canada, Mexico and our own eastern and Gulf (Mexican) seaboard and their consequent importance in the defence of the Hemisphere is obvious."

"For these reasons, I have taken advantage of the present opportunity to acquire them."

The President enclosed in his message to Congress an opinion by the Attorney-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, dated August 27, in regard to his authority to consummate the agreement.

It stated no action of Congress would be necessary to put the agreement into effect.

99-Year Leases

While President Roosevelt's message was being read to Congress, an official announcement on the treaty made in London said the agreement, which was signed in Washington on Monday, provides for the immediate transfer to Britain of 50 U.S. destroyers.

Britain will make available to the United States on a 99-year lease certain naval and air facilities in British territory on the seaboard of the North American Continent.

Notes accompanying the agreement make it clear that the British Commonwealth and the United States evolved during the negotiations a practical method of contributing materially and effectively to reach other's defence requirements.

Reuter learns that British crews will bring the destroyers across the Atlantic.

Without Consideration

The text of a Note from Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, to Secretary of State Cordell

Hull, dated September 2, informs the latter that "in view of the basis of friendship and sympathetic interest of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in the national security of the United States and their desire to strengthen the ability of the United States to cooperate effectively with other nations of the Americas in the defence of the Western Hemisphere, His Majesty's Government will grant the United States freely and without consideration a lease for the immediate establishment of naval and air bases and facilities for entrance thereto and the protection thereof on the Avalon Peninsula and on the southern coast of Newfoundland and on the east coast and the Great Bay of Bermuda."

Exchange Agreement

The Note continues that in view of the desire of the United States to acquire additional air and naval bases in the Caribbean and British Guiana and without endeavouring to place monetary or commercial value upon the many tangible and intangible rights and properties involved, His Majesty's Government will make available to the United States for the immediate establishment and use of naval and air bases on the eastern side of the Bahamas, the southern coast of Jamaica, the western coast of Saint Lucia, the west coast of Trinidad, in the Gulf of Paria, in the island of Antigua and in British Guiana within 50 miles of Georgetown, in exchange for military equipment and material which the United States will transfer to the British Government.

The air bases referred to in the preceding paragraph will be leased for a period of 99 years free from all rent and charges other than mutually agreed compensation to owners of private property.

The British Government, in the leases to be agreed upon, will grant the United States all rights, power and authority within the bases leased and within the limits of territorial waters and air spaces in the vicinity of such bases necessary to provide access to them and protection of them.

Common Agreement

The exact location and bounds of the bases are to be determined by common agreement. Britain is prepared immediately to designate experts to meet United States experts for this purpose.

Mr. Cordell Hull, in a Note to Lord Lothian, gladly accepts the British proposals and declares that in consideration of the British declarations,

"The Government of the United States will immediately transfer to His Majesty's Government 50 United States Navy destroyers generally referred to as the 1,200-ton type."—Reuter.

ISOLATIONIST COMMENT

First American Isolationist comment on the Anglo-American naval agreement came from Senator Gerald Nye. Referring to the Attorney-Gen-

eral's view that the arrangement did not require Congressional action, Senator Nye declared: "This indicates our leadership in ignoring laws and treaties in the name of emergency." Senator Barkley, Democratic Majority Leader, fully approved the arrangement.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT GIVEN WARM WELCOME IN LONDON

THE SUCCESSFUL conclusion of the Anglo-American Agreement, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London last night, will be greeted with the greatest possible satisfaction by the British Government and the people of the Commonwealth.

From the Notes exchanged, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, it is quite clear that the British Commonwealth and the United States have evolved, during the negotiations, a practical method of contributing materially and effectively to each other's defence requirements.

Britain was very anxious to acquire additional destroyers for convoy work, to deal with submarines and to keep open the channels through which to pass transports to United States and other ports.

On the other hand, the United States has acquired 99-year leases of certain sea and air facilities in the Panama Canal Zone and elsewhere on the Atlantic seaboard.

The Prime Minister has made it clear in the House of Commons that there is no question of any transfer of sovereignty. The administrations in the territories concerned have been consulted and have concurred, as have the Dominions Governments.

Three Main Purposes

The defence requirements of the British Commonwealth and the United States tend to overlap in the Western Hemisphere and parallel negotiations on this subject are proceeding between the United States and Canada.

The agreement can be said to serve three main purposes. First, it provides timely reinforcement of the British Navy in the task of maintaining control of the Atlantic. Secondly, it will contribute to the security of the United States, a fact which the people of the British Commonwealth recognise to be of vital importance. Thirdly, it strengthens the material defence of the Western Hemisphere.

It may fairly be pointed out that such an important agreement could never be realised except in an atmosphere of mutual confidence and good will and it may

KEEPING FRONT DOOR CLEAR

President Roosevelt, in the train en route to Washington yesterday, declared the chief value of the new naval and air bases to the U.S.A. was they would keep an enemy away from the United States' front door.—Reuter.

FIRST LORD PLEASED WITH BARGAIN

The utmost pleasure and satisfaction at the arrangement regarding U.S. destroyers was expressed by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in a statement in London last night.

Mr. Alexander declared: "They come at a time when the strain upon our destroyer fleet has been very great and they will be of inestimable value to us not only for escorting convoys but also for protecting our coasts from the threat of invasion."—Reuter.

PETAIN'S APPEAL TO COLONIES

MARSHAL PETAIN, DICTATOR OF FRANCE, APPEALED TO THE FRENCH EMPIRE TO STAND BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY WHICH HE ENTITLED "A MESSAGE OF TRUTH AND CONFIDENCE."

France, he said, has lost three-fifths of her territory through German occupation. But her unity is as strong as ever and nothing could prevail against it.

The first duty of the French Empire, said Marshal Petain, is to obey, the second to help the Vichy Government.

An official Vichy decree yesterday confirmed the dismissal of General Catroux from French Indo-China and also dismissed the Secretary-General of New Caledonia, which has announced its intention to carry on the war at the side of General de Gaulle and Britain.—Reuter.

DIJON COUNCIL SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Petain Government yesterday announced the suspension of the Dijon municipal council, the majority of whose members are Socialists.—Havas.

VICHY'S FINANCE MINISTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") An announcement in the official Gazette in Vichy yesterday provides for the reorganisation of the French Finance Ministry.—Havas.

CANADA GIVES FULL APPROVAL

GENERAL PLEASURE was expressed in Ottawa yesterday at the Anglo-American agreement which, it is thought, will bring the United States to a clearer view of problems facing the Empire in the war against totalitarianism.

Many Canadians contend this latest action is the best the United States can do for the Allied war efforts apart from an expeditionary force, which is not expected.

With American bases on the outposts of the Western Hemisphere and a permanent joint Defence Board studying joint American-Canadian defences, Canada as well as Britain will soon be an impenetrable fortress, permitting the uninterrupted production of war materials and the despatch of expeditionary forces to attack Hitlerian territory.

Munitions stated yesterday that new factories, costing approximately \$17,500,000, are being added immediately to Canada's rapidly expanding programme of industrial development to meet the wartime demand for guns and materials. The factories would begin operating in 1941 and would employ thousands in the manufacture of chemicals, guns and wireless.—Reuter.

The Canadian Minister of

U.S. TO MAKE QUICK DELIVERY

The U.S. Navy Department announced yesterday that the first eight of the 50 destroyers for Britain are at Boston and should be ready for delivery by next Friday.

They will be sent to Canada with their present crews, there to be taken over by British seamen. The other destroyers would be ready when requested and would be in "operating condition."

It was also announced in Washington that Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, had fulfilled the legal requirements for disposing of the destroyers by certifying that the release of the vessels and the acquisition of defence bases would strengthen rather than impair the nation's defences.

The Navy Department stated the destroyers represented a current value of approximately \$85,000,000.—Reuter.

Full Armament

The Navy Department added that the next two or three groups of destroyers, numbering about eight in each group, could be released at fortnightly intervals.

Each group would be delivered with full armament of guns, torpedo-tubes, A.A. guns and machine-guns.

Mr. Forrestal, Under-Secretary of the Navy, has appointed a Navy Board of seven members to meet British experts to determine the exact location of naval bases which Britain will lease to the U.S.A.—Reuter.

M.T.B. BEATS BOMBERS

THE CREW OF A NETHERLANDS MOTOR TORPEDO-BOAT SERVING WITH THE BRITISH NAVY HAVE SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY BOMBER INTO THE SEA.

An Admiralty communique says that the motor torpedo-boat and a merchant ship were attacked by Nazi dive bombers.

The Netherlands sailors opened fire with tracer bullets and registered a number of hits.

One raider came down to sea-level, touched the water, rose again and then crashed into the sea.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CONSCRIPTION

The House of Representatives military committee in Washington yesterday approved the amendment to the Conscription Bill permitting Government to acquire on a rental basis industrial factories for the production of defence materials.

The amendment was a substitute for a Senate provision authorising Government to condemn and take over and operate such factories.—Reuter.

FRENCHMEN SHOULD OBEY, SAYS PETAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") An appeal was made by Marshal Petain in a radio-broadcast from Vichy yesterday for unity among all Frenchmen overseas. France, he said, had a hard task ahead, and the fundamental duty of Frenchmen was to obey the Government.—Havas.

PAPAL Nuncios LEAVE BALTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Withdrawal of the Holy See's diplomatic representation in the Baltic States, recently annexed by Soviet Russia, has been followed by the departure of the Papal Nuncios from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.—Havas.



The First Army Victoria Cross of the War was won by Lt. (now Capt.) Harold Ervine-Andrews of the East Lancs. Regiment. The Captain, it was announced, climbed on top of a straw-roofed barn and with rifle and Bren gun fought enemy forces trying to reach Dunkirk during the evacuation. Mortar bombs crashed through the roof. But he held on and killed seventeen Germans with the rifle and many more with the Bren. (Copyright, Fox).

JAPANESE PEERS DIVIDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Japanese press reported yesterday that the question of reforming the House of Peers to adapt it to the new political structure is now rapidly coming to the foreground, while Prince Konoye is reported to be personally studying the problem.

It is understood that peers who obtained their seats by appointment are most enthusiastic over the new structure idea.

They favour the immediate dissolution of all party groups in the House, similar to the dissolution of political parties in the Lower House.

Members of the nobility holding seats by hereditary rights hold different views.

They believe the House of Peers still has a good reason for existence, to see the Lower House does not go too far. Hereditary peers emphasise the necessity of revising the rules of membership, particularly those governing the status of appointed members.—Havas.

CAMERA CASE

Mr. T. F. Chan, of the Kwok Wah Printing Co., No. 212, Wanchai Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for having a camera in his possession in King's Road, without a permit, on August 26.

Inspector McEwen said the film in the camera was developed and all were family photos. The Police were not pressing the case.

Defendant was fined \$10, and the camera ordered to be returned to him.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Second generation Japanese residents in the United States should be used widely to push sales of Japanese goods, the Osaka cooperative trade agency decided at its inaugural meeting yesterday.—Havas.

GERMAN AIRMEN CONTINUE MASS ATTACKS

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE FAILED IN ANY WAY TO WEAKEN BRITISH FIGHTER OPPOSITION IN TWO ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE THE DEFENCES OF SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND YESTERDAY, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Objectives of the two big attacks appear to have been R.A.F. aerodromes.

The morning attack was carried out by about 250 planes which flew up the Thames Estuary.

The second attack, which resulted in an air raid warning lasting 15 minutes in the London area, was carried out by 100 to 150 planes.

During the morning raid a newly formed Czech squadron of the R.A.F. shot down another seven Germans, bringing its total to 16 with the loss of only one Czech pilot.

Meanwhile an official announcement says it is now established that two more enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday by our fighters, making the total for the day 25.

Few Bombs Dropped

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY EVENING SAID THAT ENEMY PLANES IN CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST YESTERDAY MORNING. REPORTS RECEIVED UP TO THE TIME OF THE COMMUNIQUE INDICATED THAT A FEW BOMBS HAD BEEN DROPPED, MOSTLY IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

Little damage was done, but there were a few casualties, several of which were fatal. Up to the time of the communi-



The Cross has been awarded posthumously to Lance-Corporal Harry Nicholls of the Grenadier Guards, this being one of the first two V.C. awards to go to the army in the present war. The award was made for "most conspicuous gallantry" during the re-fortification of Dunkirk. Lance-Corporal Nicholls is shown in boxing kit. He was the British Army heavyweight boxing champion in 1938. (Copyright, Fox).

CABINET AT CHURCH IN AIR RAID

A SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR WAS HELD DURING THE AIR RAID WARNING YESTERDAY MORNING.

The Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet attended.

The Warning sounded just before the Service was due to begin. Mr. Churchill conversed with the Dean for several minutes and it was then decided that the Service should continue.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI FRENCH ANSWER M. COSME

REPORTS FROM SHANGHAI STATE THAT MANY FRENCHMEN THERE ARE JOINING GENERAL DE GAULLE.

They are wearing the "Cross of Lorraine," which he has adopted as his official emblem.

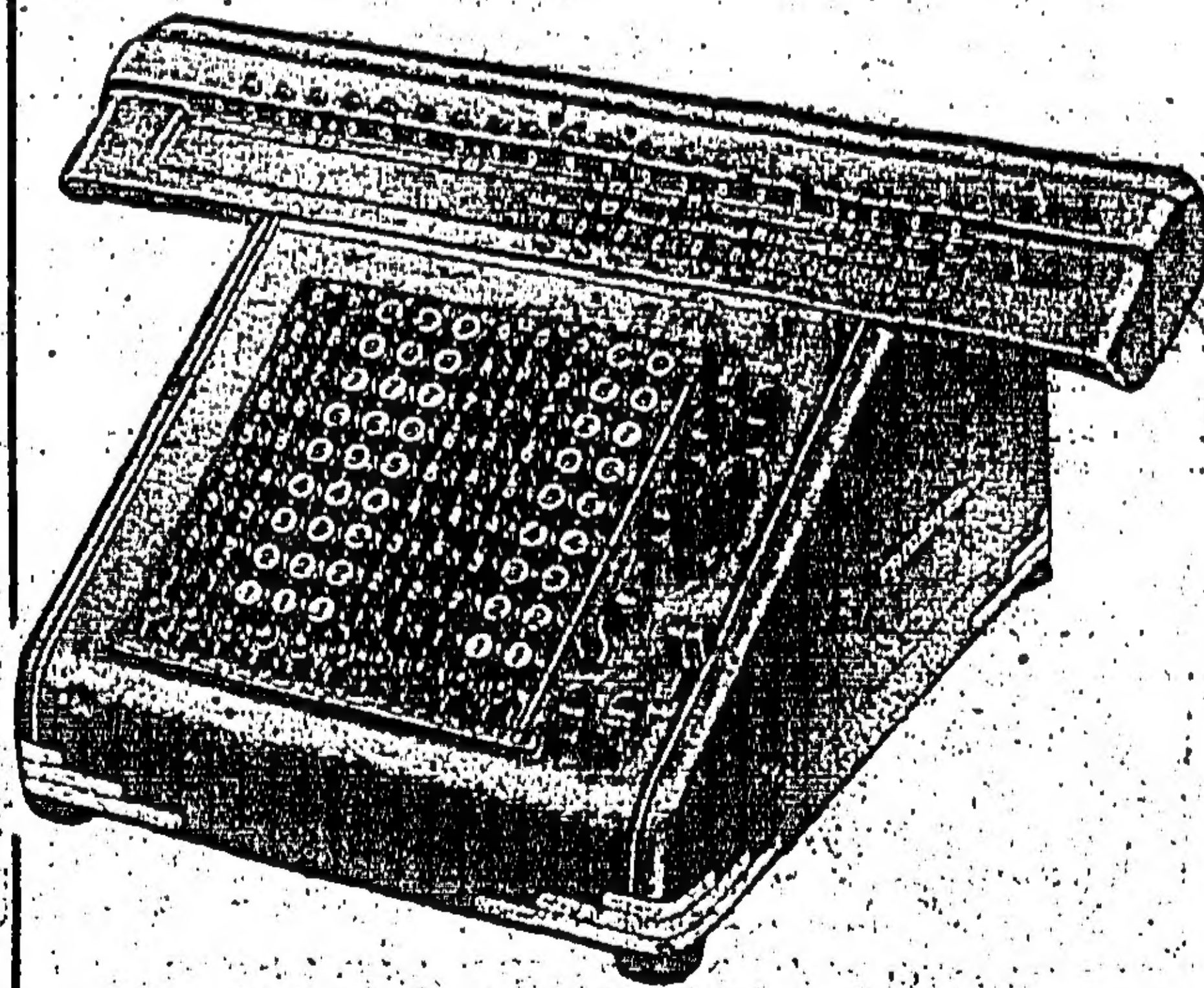
Other reports, from Martinique, state that 90 per cent of the population there are anxious to carry on the war against Germany.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO MAKE STATEMENT

It is expected that the highly important naval agreement with the United States will be the subject of a statement by Mr. Churchill in the Commons to-morrow.—British Wireless.

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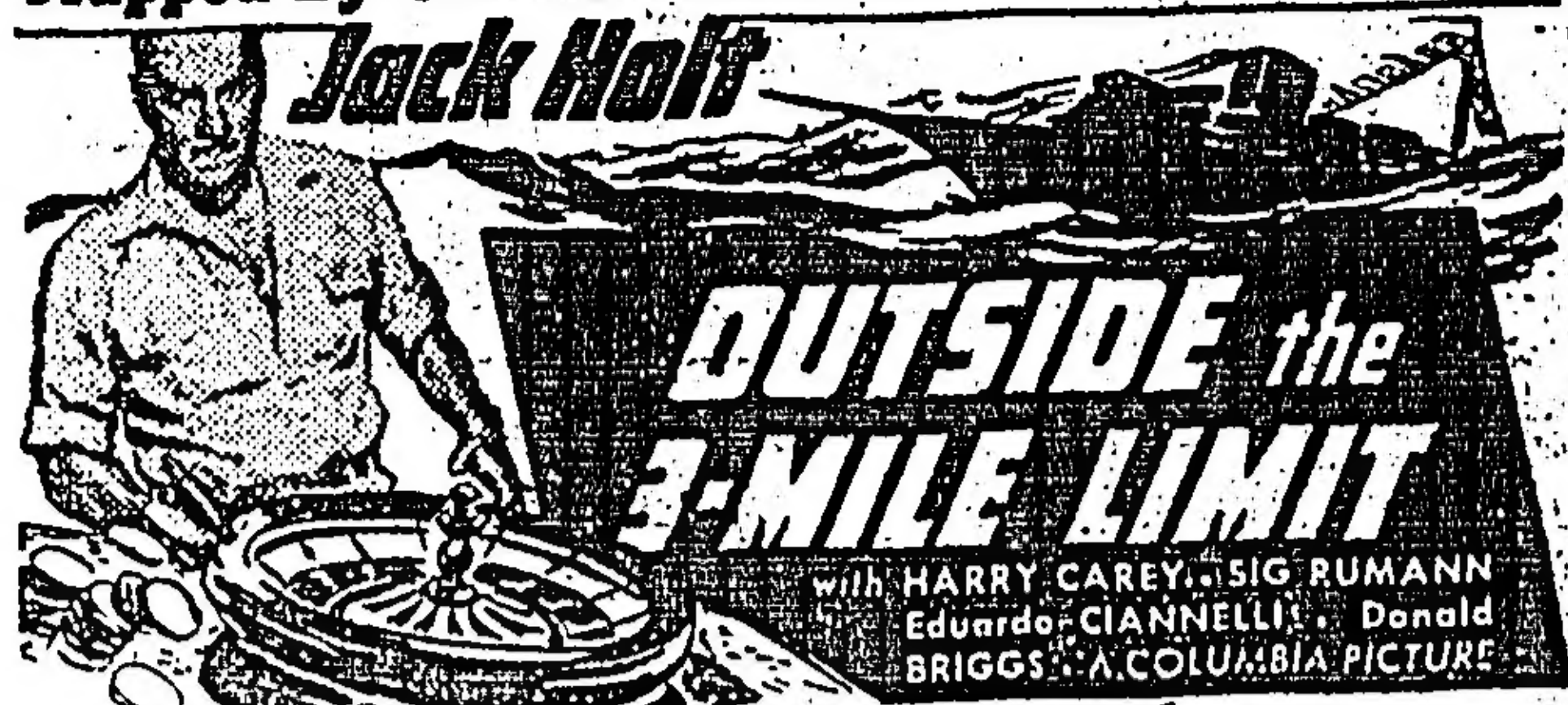
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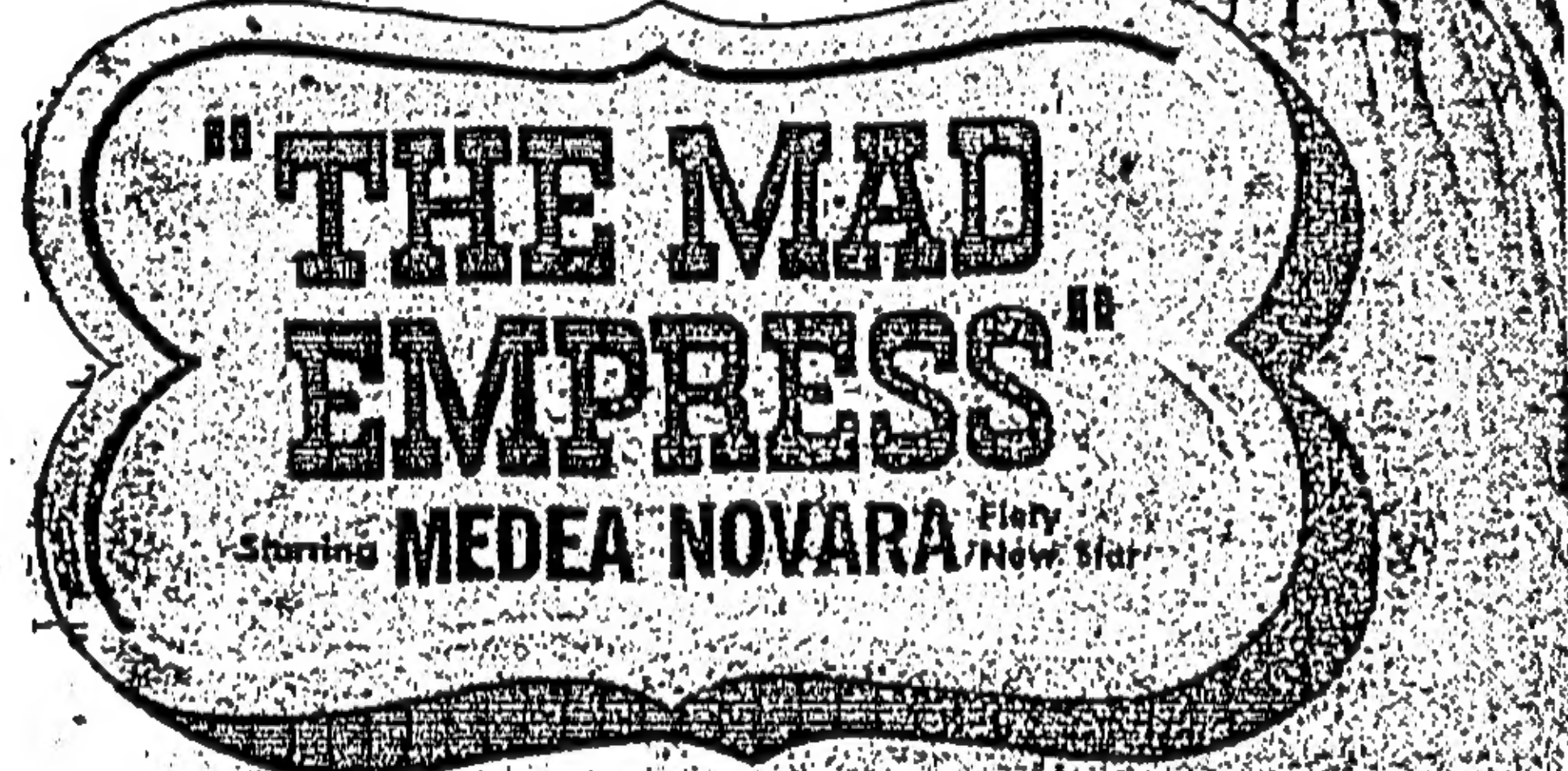
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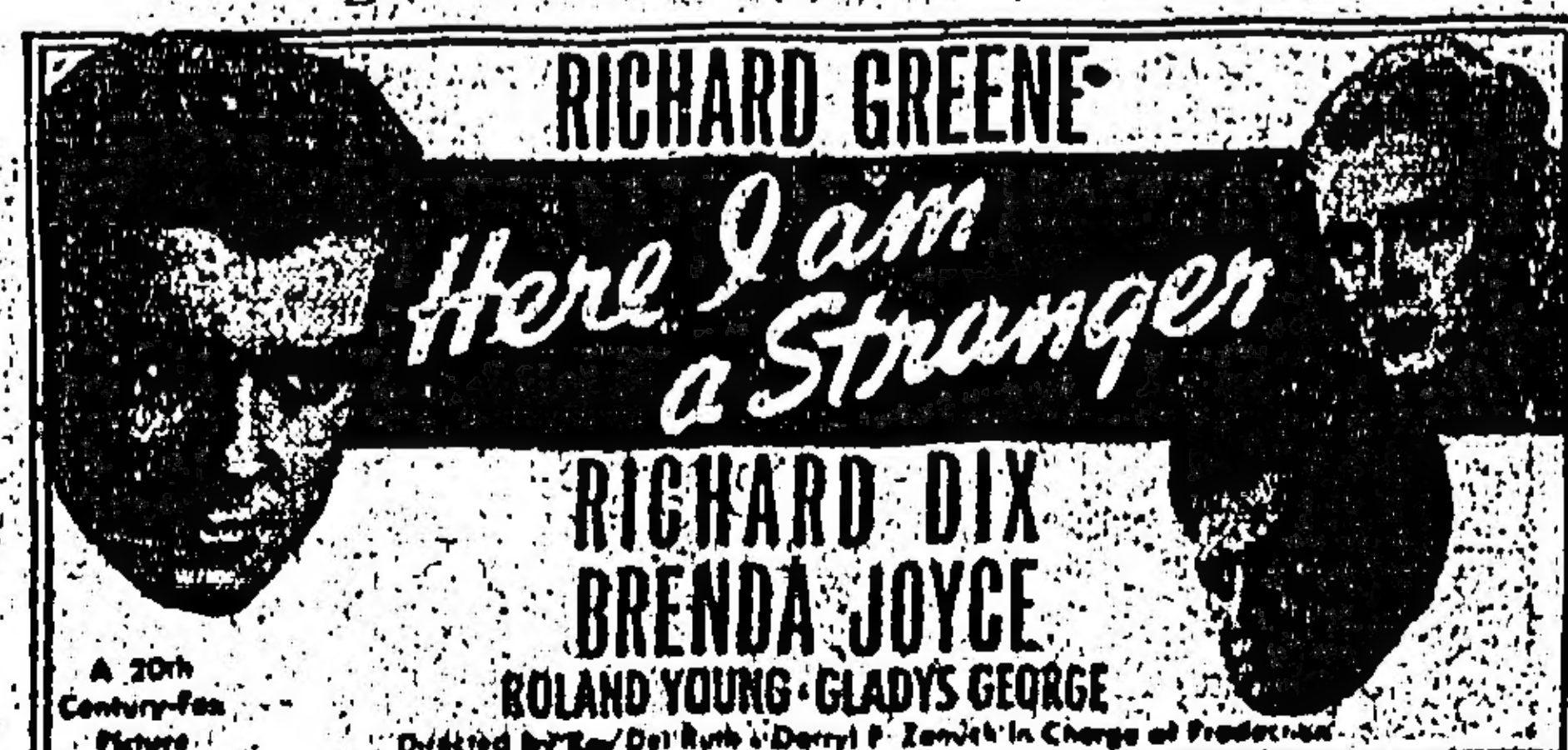
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The King and the Crown Prince of Norway at a matinee at the Dorchester Hotel in aid of King Haakon's Fund for Relief in Norway. Group includes Miss Sonia Irgens, Lady George Foster, King Haakon, the Crown Prince of Norway and Mme. Longinotte. (Copyright, Fox).

NO TURNING BACK BY BRITISH EMPIRE

THE PEOPLE OF THE British Empire have made up their minds and, God helping them, will never turn back, declares Viscount Caldecote, Dominions Secretary, in a message given to Reuter yesterday on the anniversary of Britain's entry into the war.

Viscount Caldecote added they would stand together as one man and they would follow words by deeds.

Canada, herself a mighty arsenal, had not been content to send arms. Her sons were coming in ever increasing numbers to defend the right.

Australia and New Zealand, proud friends of justice, were not behind in their efforts. Daily they were winning fresh glory on sea and land and in the air.

South Africa, youngest of the sister nations but not less loyal in her devotion to right, had notably shewn in her lot with the rest of us.

Formidable Array

Newfoundland and Southern Rhodesia, conscious of the privileges enjoyed by free communities, spare no gift or effort to resist the common enemy.

This formidable array of strength was increasing daily, and was welded together in a brotherhood which the trials and reverses of the past 12 months had not been able to shake.—Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP RAIDS ON ASSAB

Further R.A.F. attacks on jetties and warehouses in Assab (Eritrea) were announced in an R.A.F. communique in Cairo yesterday.

All the bombs fell in the target area but it was not possible to observe the results. One fire started by the raid of the previous day was still burning.

In the Buna area of Kenya, aircraft of the South African Air Force attacked enemy troops and transport while aircraft of the Rhodesian squadron carried out extensive reconnaissances in other areas. A formation of enemy bombers escorted by a considerable force of fighters attempted to raid Malta but no damage was caused by enemy bombs.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS SAILORS' GESTURE

NETHERLANDS SAILORS WERE GIVEN AN EXTRA 2/- IN PAY ON SATURDAY LAST IN HONOUR OF THEIR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

It is now learned that most of them asked their captains to give the money to local "Spitfire Funds" as a mark of their gratitude to the R.A.F.—Reuter.

SURPRISE RAIDS ON CALAIS

Heavy explosions and distant gunfire in the direction of Calais and Boulogne were heard by people in Kentish coast towns last evening.

It is believed the R.A.F. were making a surprise attack on guns and shipping in the vicinity of these ports.—Reuter.

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TRAINING CADRE PARADE

It is announced that all members of the Training Cadre, with the exception of members of the Essential Services group, who have passed their Test of Elementary Training in rifle, will parade on the Square at Murray Barracks, to-morrow at 5:15 p.m. This order applies to those who normally parade in Kowloon.

GUARD YOUNG SAYS NAZI RADIO

The German radio broadcast a warning to parents against allowing their children to wander unattended in parks, playgrounds and lonely spots. Criminal attacks on German children had increased recently, said the announcer.

LEADING SEAMAN AWARDED V.C.

AN ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH APPEARS AS A SUPPLEMENT IN LAST NIGHT'S LONDON GAZETTE ANNOUNCES THE AWARD OF THE VICTORIA CROSS TO THE LATE ACTING LEADING SEAMAN JACK FOREMAN MANTLE, OF H.M.S. FOYLEBANK.

The official account of his gallantry states he was in charge of the starboard pom-pom when Foylebank was attacked by en-

EVERY-OTHER-DAY BREAD ROUNDS

The delivery of bread to houses in Britain may be restricted to alternate days. Although no general order has been given by the Ministry of Food the question is being considered by Local Area Committees. In some areas the new system of delivery has already been put into operation, and the effect is being closely watched by the Ministry.



emy aircraft on July 4. Early in the action his left leg was shattered by a bomb but he stood fast at the gun and went on firing with hand-gear only for the ship's electric power had failed. Almost at once he was wounded again in many places but his great courage bore him up to the end of the fight when he fell by the side of the gun he had so valiantly served. Awards of the D.S.M. to Leading Seamen for bravery and devotion to duty on the same occasion are also approved.—Reuter. It was the tenth V.C. of the war and the third award to a naval man.—Reuter.

BERLIN ANXIOUS

GREAT ANXIETY IS BEING EXPRESSED IN BERLIN OVER THE REFUSAL OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT SECTION OF TRANSYLVANIA CEDED TO HUNGARY TO ACCEPT THE AXIS DIKTAT. Threats are being circulated from Germany that if there are any more demonstrations against the German minority there Reich troops will be sent to protect them.—Reuter.

TO BUY A FIGHTER

A FUND TO BUY A FIGHTER PLANE HAS BEEN STARTED BY THE STAFF OF INDIA POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS. The fund was opened by the Director-General and it will be used to buy a plane which will be named after the department.—Reuter.

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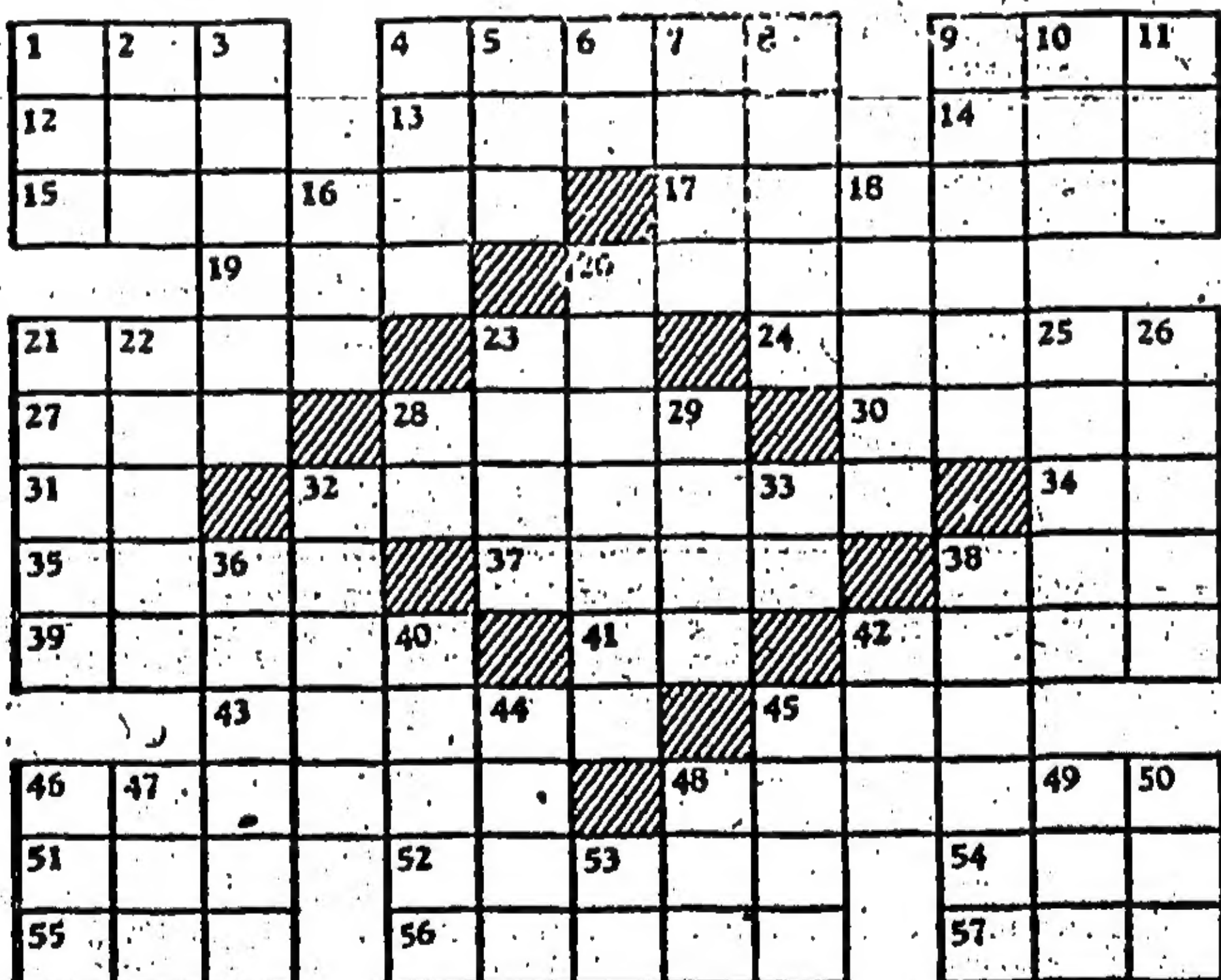
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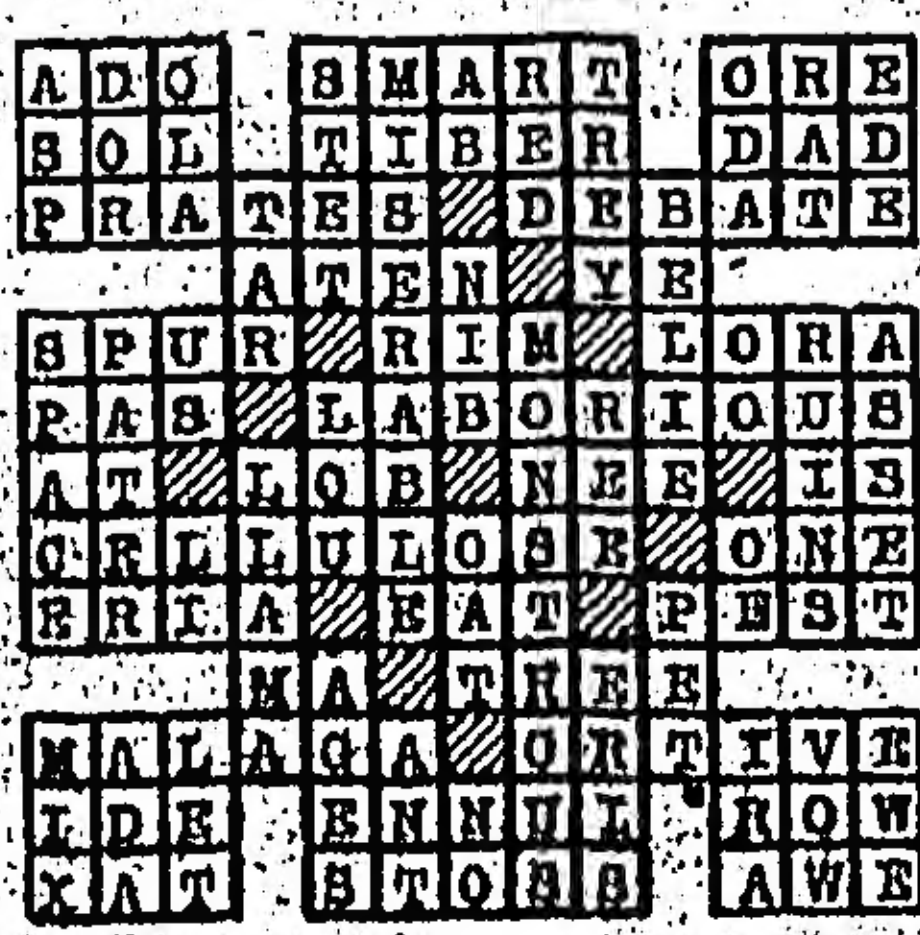


- HORIZONTAL**
- Topaz hummingbird
 - Feeble-minded
 - To attempt
 - Flowed
 - Evergreen tree
 - Interrogative pronoun
 - Fisherman
 - Formal proposition
 - Poetic above
 - Burdened
 - Egyptian measure
 - Sun god
 - Plant disease
 - Character in "The Flaming Queen"
 - Stringed instrument
 - Glacial snow
 - Parent
 - To admit
 - Article
 - Land measure
 - Roman emperor
 - Pronoun
 - To approach stealthily
 - Symbol for nickel

- Large sword
- Ancient Roman orator
- Posed
- Black-and-yellow bird
- To deny
- Fish eggs
- Afterwards
- Cognizance
- Swiss river
- Rigid
- Unit of work

- VERTICAL**
- Constellation
 - Truck for moving
 - Kind of cat
 - Maple genus
 - Biblical name
 - European fish
 - Tibetan priest
 - To eat away

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

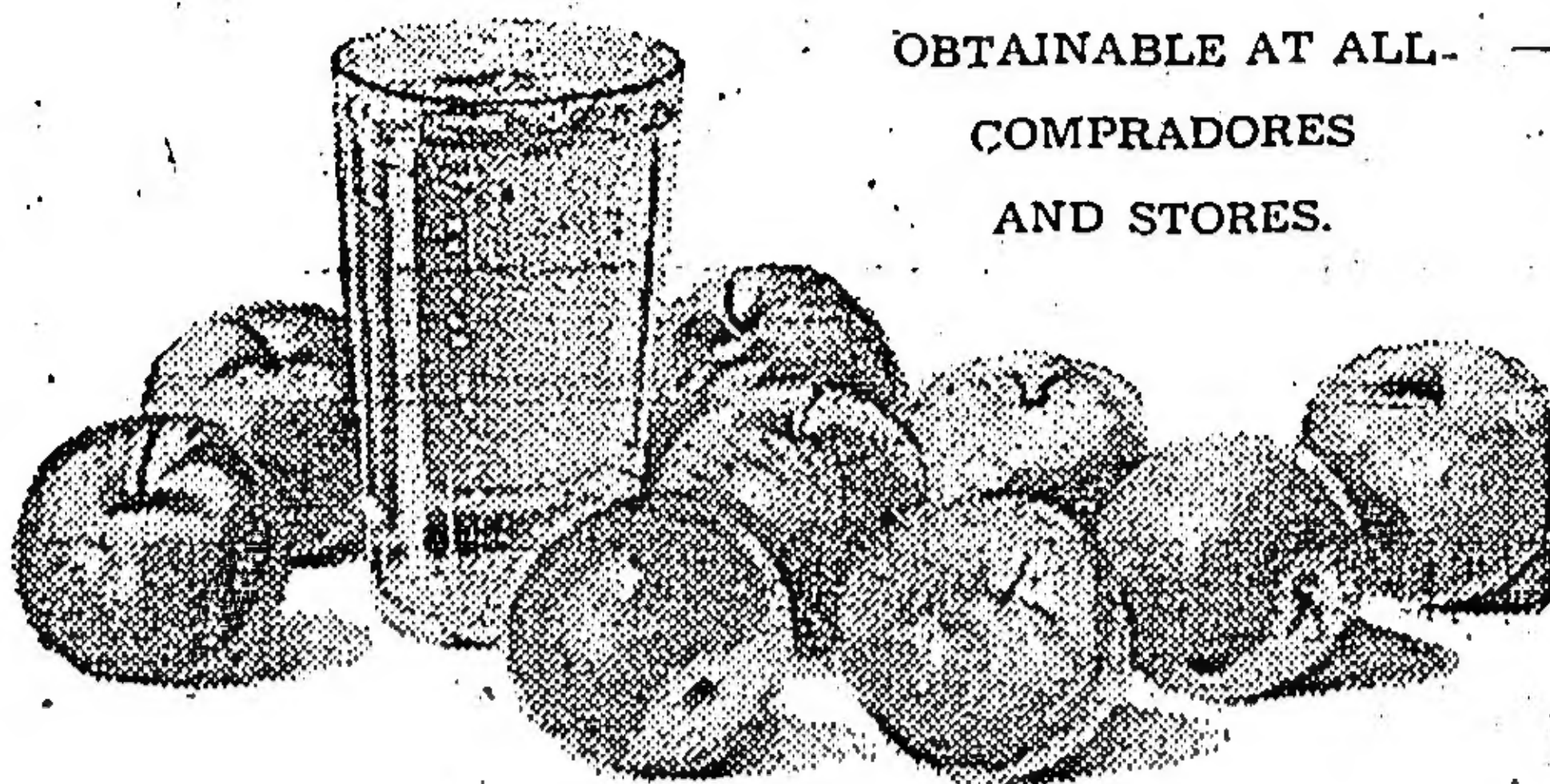


- Pang
- Greek letter
- Poetic yonder
- Meadow
- To coat with tin and lead
- Theft
- French novelist
- To perform
- Irish verse
- Elliptical
- Strained
- Exclamation
- Persian elf
- Stringed instrument
- Note of scale
- Narrow sword
- Area in which a water-supply is formed
- Slays
- To sink
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- Music three
- East-Indian tree
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Shapely Ankles Gave Refugee Girls Away

TWO GIRLS WHO "joined" the British Army and carried off the disguise until their shapely legs gave them away were rescued with the British troops and brought to England. One is English, the other Belgian. They owe their escape to three British soldiers — Knocker, Smudger and Gary.

Knocker and Smudger lent the girls khaki greatcoats, which came down to their feet, and steel helmets. Then the three formed a cordon round the girls so that their disguise would not be penetrated.

It was not until the little party was boarding a trawler at Dunkirk that the two pairs of legs, too neat to be soldiers', were noticed descending the ladder on to the boat. But the captain would not turn the girls away when he heard their story.

Elaine Madden, aged seventeen, whose English father, former gardener for the War Graves Commission at Poperinghe, had joined the British Army, was living with her grandparents, who owned an hotel in the town.

Their Homes Bombed

When the German bombing raids started the household evacuated, but Elaine, and her nineteen-year-old aunt, Simone Duponelle, stayed behind to make last-minute arrangements.

They stayed too long. They had to run from their house as the bombs dropped, and the streets were set burning.

They left for shelter in the country. They found it in England.

They walked till they found shelter in a barn. There they were found by the three soldiers. All five then made their way by cars, abandoned lorries, and on foot through the flooded fields.

Elaine, who is now at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Stone, in Deerpark Road, Streatham, S.W., fingered the gold ring given to her by her soldier fiancé as she told her story.

Ring Brought Luck

"It brought me luck," she whispered. "We might have been burnt to death when we reached Dunkirk. We drove through the burning streets in a lorry.

"We did not know the way to the docks. Suddenly we came upon a stream of soldiers waiting to embark. Our luck had held."

"Gary told us, 'Say you're the Dorsets, if challenged."

"As we climbed down on to the trawler soldiers saw our legs and shouted, 'Look at the lady soldiers.' We thought we were going to be turned back. There was nowhere for us to go; Dunkirk was in flames; the country flooded.

"The captain gave us his cabin when I said I was English."

Both girls have left their soldier fiancés behind. Elaine was to have been married in a week's time.

"But I know I shall see him soon," she said, "when Belgium is free again."

Now Elaine and Simone want to get jobs, so that they can buy clothes.

CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

China's foreign trade sharply advanced during July but Shanghai only benefited slightly.

Imports amounted to 84 million gold units, an increase of 17 million over the previous month. Shanghai accounted for only five million of the increase while the import trade of other ports soared by 12 million.

Exports amounted to 170 million gold units, an increase of 4.7 million, which is all the more remarkable because during the same period Shanghai suffered a drop in exports of 21 million gold units.

Exports via other ports increased by 26 million gold units. — Havas.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY

A STORY OF HOW STUDENTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL INTERVENED IN A ROBBERY IN DUKE STREET ON AUGUST 24, WAS RELATED BEFORE MR. E. HIMS WORTH AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING WHEN LO PIU, 28, WAS CHARGED WITH HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

The students were Ernest Liu, 16, and his brother Paul, 19, of No. 4, Duke Street.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that at 10 a.m. on August 24, Mrs. Chan, of No. 12, Duke Street, was walking along Duke Street towards her house after having purchased some flowers in Boundary Street. Accused followed her, struck her on the neck outside No. 10 house and snatched a wrist watch from her. She struggled with him, and recovered the watch. Accused started to run but Ernest Liu, who was standing outside his house, heard the alarm and gave chase along Embankment Road into Prince Edward Road.

He was threatened by accused. Meanwhile, his brother, Paul, joined in and they struggled with accused, who was finally brought down.

After evidence, accused was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

CURFEW FOR MOTORISTS

Mr. J. R. Leslie, M.P. for Sedgefield, Durham, wants all motor-traffic on main roads after midnight prohibited, except by special permit. He will suggest this in a question to the Home Secretary.

JUMPED FROM BOMBER: L.D.V. ALL ROUND HIM

"I MUST HAND IT to this town. My feet had scarcely touched the ground when I was surrounded by L.D.V. men," said an airman who jumped by parachute from a British bomber which crashed in Northumberland.

He landed near a main street.

The twin-engined plane smashed into a row of colliery houses, setting fire to one home and killing a miner, his wife and a seventeen-year-old daughter.

The bomber's air gunner and wireless operator were also killed. The pilot and navigator escaped by parachute and landed safely.

Afterwards experts spoke of the efficiency with which the A.R.P. service dealt with the emergency.

The three civilians killed were: Henry Cox, aged fifty-three, miner; his wife, Ellen, aged fifty-two, and their daughter, Gladys.

William Cox, fifteen, a son, was severely burned, and is detained in hospital. Two occupiers of neighbouring houses, Mrs. Mather and Mrs. Marian Hart, were also treated for shock.

The house occupied by the Cox family was reduced to a mass of charred rafters and piles of debris.

A young miner, Frederick Main, was badly burned as he rescued the injured boy.



Virginia Welder in "Bad Little Angel," showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

UNIONIST OFFICIAL DETAINED

Captain H. W. Luttman-Johnson, of Blackbark House, Luncarty, near Perth, has been taken from Scotland to England for preventive detention under the defence regulations.

The round-up of members of the British Union of Fascists goes on.

It was revealed that four prominent Suffolk officials of the organisation—Ronald Noah, Creasy and George Frederick Hogarth, both of Eye, near Ipswich, and Lawrence W. Harding and Raymond Smith, both of Bury St. Edmunds—have been arrested.

Cheshire police have detained four men members.

Following a search at his home, Norman Holloway, twenty-nine, schoolteacher, of Borstal Road, Rochester, Kent, has been detained.

Formerly first violinist in a well-known Blackpool dance band, Frederick Rudolph Kruse, fifty, of Rosebery Avenue, South Shore, Blackpool, has been arrested.

SAYS CLERGY SHOULD ENLIST

"Our priests of military age should be told to join up in their age class in the fighting forces like the French clergy, and show an example of patriotism to the nation—no sheltering behind the clerical collar."

That's what the Rev. J. A. Carter, vicar of Lillington, near Loughborough, Spgs., who served in the last war, writes in his parish magazine.

THE SAME THING

Pacifism and defeatism now go hand in hand, Mr. Matthew Mitchell, of Auchtermarder, Perthshire, told the General Assembly of the United Free Church in Edinburgh.

If over the Germans reached Britain, he said, they would turn it into a shambles.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

FIGHTING WITH FIRE

In condemning modern methods of warfare, one is apt to forget that the ancients invented incendiaryism. Back in Biblical times armies threw upon each other burning oils and flaming fire balls of resin and straw. Delium in 424 B.C. saw the first flame projector—a hollow tree trunk with a basin of burning materials at one end and bellows to blow the flame jet on the enemy. In the days of the Trojan king Aeneas burning pots of resin, sulphur, pitch, and tow were projected. Forerunners of to-day's incendiary bombs are seen in the inflammable bombs catapulted by the Romans and in the tube-like incendiary arrows.

All these preceded the famous Greek Fire (believed to have been invented by the Syrian Calinicus), which was used even in the wars of the Middle Ages. The troops of the Byzantine Empire used it against the Saracens and saved the empire by its means. For centuries it was a secret weapon; finally, it was proved to consist of pitch, resin, sulphur, and petroleum as combustibles, with the reaction between quicklime and water to set it going; water for extinguishing it had to be used carefully, as it has on the thermite of to-day.

AERIAL CAVALRY

Even the idea of landing troops by air is not a new one. In 1828 a certain Mr. Green astounded Britain by suggesting that not only soldiers but even cavalry might be carried over the enemy lines by means of balloons. To substantiate his claim he declared that he himself had already made one such ascent on horse-back from London. For some reason best known to himself, however, he declined when challenged to prove his assertion by giving a further public demonstration, and for the next twenty-two years he suffered merciless ragging at the hands of all his friends and acquaintances. Finally he decided to silence his tormentors and announced that he would make an ascent on horse-back from Vauxhall Gardens. The mount he chose was hardly worthy of the name horse, being a diminutive pony, but the large crowd that had gathered forgave the slight deception and gave him a great ovation when he actually floated over London did rise into the air



"IF YOU BALKAN BOYS KEEP QUIET NOTHING WILL CROSS YOUR PATHS, THE ROMAN ORACLE WILL CONFIRM THAT. NOW LEAVE ME TO MY CRYSTAL GAZING."

America Discovers Our Secret Weapon

British stoicism or whatever it is.

Yes, what is it? No one knows—but it is going to win the war. I joined, the other day, two American newspapermen—Vincent Sheehan, author of "Personal History," and William Stoneman, of the "Chicago Daily News." They were discussing the latter's amazing luck when, on the previous day, having gone down to the South Coast, "to see what was happening," he blundered into one of the scoops of his life. For, while he was sitting on the cliff, a terrific air battle began in front of him.

This is how Stoneman began his cabled story: "I sat on a cliff at Hell's Corner, the hottest spot in England, for a solid hour this afternoon, while forty German Stukas dive-bombed a convoy just a mile away. A flaming Junker 87 vol-planed down and knifed into the sea, half a mile away from where I sat."

That part, though, you heard on the air, perhaps. The point was Stoneman's finish: "Back in the near-by town, I found another sample of English courage, or whatever it is."

mounted on the pony's back.

But even this feat was completely put in the shade two years later when a Frenchwoman, Mme. Poitevin, actually floated over London mounted on a bull.

"The streets were crowded with Sunday afternoon strollers, including a hundred girls who had come down to pass the day with their soldier boy-friends."

"Nobody seemed to be talking about the air-raid, although most of them had been sitting in shelters a bare hour before."

"This stoicism, or indifference, or cool courage, or whatever it is, is Britain's secret weapon in this war."

"Your people never seem afraid," said Stoneman. "The sight was so terrifying that, for a time, I went into a pit. Then I said, 'Heavens, I'm a newspaper man. I must see it through.'"

"So I got out again. 'Yet, while the raid was going on, two fellows in a machine-gun nest were worrying about two baby rabbits they had caught the previous day!'"

Stoneman, "before being kicked out at Bordeaux," had been at Louvain and Lille and Boulogne. Yet, everywhere he saw the British troops in action, he said, they were talking about Hitler as "He" and saying what they were going to do with him—and referring to the Germans as "great big dumb clouts."

"Why is it they talk like that while I am almost frozen with fright?" he asked. "They're just as scared as you are," said Sheehan; "but they don't show it. Everyone's scared."

The historians of the future, long after the war is over, will extol them as the greatest people who ever lived. But they don't know it.

"They are just Cockneys who laugh, or workers who are throwing in every ounce of energy, or women who are merely 'carrying on.'"

"They don't think of themselves as the saviours of mankind—but that is what they are."

"Are they numb or dumb?" asked Sheehan, not cynically, but just asking.

"They're always like that," I said. "Our people are never beaten because they don't know."

"Your boys just don't think," insisted Stoneman. That was as far as he could get.

Sheehan's tribute, though, was unconsciously, as great as Stoneman's.

He was grouching about a magazine story he had written for the "Red Book," a few days before, only to find that the Censor had killed the best part.

We argued, for half an hour, about what courage was—was it a great quality or just sheer ignorance?

Gliders Like Moths

From Berlin it is reliably reported that during the past few months the German High Command have ordered enormous quantities of gliders constructed of transparent material.

Noiselessness is the surprise factor which gliders have contributed to modern warfare. Aeroplanes can be heard almost before they take off from their aerodrome; gliders carrying six men each can arrive like moths in the night.

They did this on the roofs of impregnable fortresses in the Maastricht district of Belgium. The gliders deposited their crews in silence. The men were trained grenadiers, they rolled bombs down the ventilators of the casemates and put the Belgian gunners out of action almost before they realised they were in it.

What could Hitler do with gliders used against Britain?

A few weeks ago, before the L.D.V.s were formed, he could have done a lot. He could have taken us by surprise on the beaches, downs, and open spaces. He could have invaded our parks, our golf courses, and our racecourses; without the smallest warning. We were asleep then, we are alert now. Still, we must study the possibility of anything new.

They Fly High

Gliders are towed by aircraft up to a great height before they are loosened for work on their own. They are then at the mercy of the air currents, but in skilled hands these can be turned to advantage and the glider may descend within a reasonable distance of its objective.

Little imagination is needed to show that it would be quite a practical proposition for thousands of gliders to start above the French coast and subsequently to arrive in Britain.

They would be more formidable than parachutists, in that a glider carrying six men can also carry complete equipment for them and an adequate supply of ammunition.

Before we had our Home Guards gliders might have made a surprise landing almost anywhere in Britain, because nobody was on the look-out for them. Now the "Parashots" can quickly become our "Glidergreeters."

It is safe to say that owing to the night-and-day watch provided by the Home Guards in every town and hamlet in Britain the gliders would be quickly seen and located. In landing they are at a disadvantage in comparison with the parachutists; they cannot concentrate their landing in a definite area.

Against that, however, they have much in their favour: silence and the opportunity of making a landing without accident.

Watch Bridges

The glider may be a military proposition with which we shall have to reckon in the near future. But so long as our Home Guards are vigilant, gliders can have no hope of success in this country.

In Britain there are many expert gliders, men who have played the game as a sport for years and whose experience has contributed much to the sum of experience gained on the subject. They should be consulted now as to what gliders can do and where their efforts may be limited.

Lt.-Col. T. A. Lowe

bombs dropping all around. "Thank God, it's not raining!" he shouted to a pal.

And I told of a woman friend who, evacuated from London with her husband's staff to a "safe place," had been in nearly thirty raids since the beginning of June, and who, asking, one morning, what the row was the night before, was told by the maid: "Three bombs dropped over the road, ma'am."

And the maid went on laying the breakfast table!

"We're all afraid of something or other; anyway, I allowed, qualifying my boast."

Stoneman proved that. He expressed his fear that the "Chicago Daily News" wouldn't put his epic story on the front page!

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**SPECULATION
IN WASHINGTON**

THE FACT THAT Mr. Winston Churchill had reiterated, through the British Ambassador, that Britain would never surrender or sink the British Fleet, led reporters to speculate at the daily press conference with President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday, whether the bases transferred to the U.S. might one day be used by British warships.

President Roosevelt refused to discuss this, saying he only assumed the British Fleet would go wherever it was needed for defence.

President Roosevelt dropped what appeared to be a hint that further history-making steps might be taken to provide additional distant bases to protect the Western Hemisphere.

Asked if the agreement might lead to the postulation that a base would be established in Greenland, President Roosevelt replied he thought reporters should refrain from writing that it was the forerunner of anything else.

The President said the destroyers would be transferred to England reasonably soon.

Did Not Know

Asked whether some of them were already en route he replied he wouldn't say that and he didn't know where they were at present.

He added the United States could not, of course, deliver the destroyers to England, a remark which was taken to imply that British or Canadian crews would man them.—Reuter.

**AMBASSADOR
ARRIVES IN
CHUNGKING**

AMONG THE VERY FIRST THINGS WHICH SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, ASKED THOSE WHO GREETED HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY WAS ABOUT THE RECENT BOMBINGS.

Smiling broadly, as he shook hands with old friends, Sir Archibald arrived by plane from Hong Kong at 7.30 o'clock in the morning for an indefinite stay, during which he will resume contact with the Chinese Government.

Among those who greeted His Excellency were Dr. Hollington Tong, Mr. Hang Li-wu, Executive Secretary of the Sino-British Boxer Indemnity Fund Board, Mr. Ling Chi-han, secretary of the Waichiaopu, and Mr. Broadmead, Counsellor of the British Embassy.—Central News.

**BUNA
GIVEN UP**

It is confirmed authoritatively in London that British troops have retired from Buna, 50 miles south of Moyale, which is on the Kenya-Abyssinia border.

The Italians claimed two days ago to have occupied Buna.

It is pointed out in London that Buna was held only by light forces and that the position was not a good one to defend as it was open to attack from the north-east and the north-west.—Reuter.

**SNACK-BAR FOOD
CENTRES?**

A plan to establish communal feeding centres in South Wales and Monmouthshire in an emergency, has been drawn up by Sir T. G. Jones, Divisional Food Officer.

Directors of education have been asked to place school cooking equipment at the disposal of the authorities. Food could be cooked there and distributed on a snack-bar scale to churches and other buildings where refugees or evacuees might collect.

**DUTCH
PREMIER
RESIGNS**

IT WAS STATED IN LONDON YESTERDAY ON BEHALF OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT THAT THE NETHERLANDS PRIME MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER, JONKHEER D. J. DE GEER, HAS RESIGNED FOR REASONS OF HEALTH.—REUTER.

Queen Wilhelmina has accepted Jonkheer de Geer's resignation, and Professor P. S. Gerbrandy, Minister of Justice, will non preside over the Council of Ministers.

Jonkheer Van Boeyen, Minister of Home Affairs, is entrusted ad interim with the Department of General Affairs; the Colonial Minister, I. J. M. Welter, is ad interim entrusted with the portfolio of Finance, and M. P. L. Steenberghe, Minister of Trade, Industry and Shipping, is given the special task of preparing all necessary measures as necessary for the economic recovery of Netherlands territory in Europe.—Reuter.

**700 AIRCRAFT
A MONTH**

The United States Defence Commission and purchasing agencies of the U.S. Army and Navy have worked out with manufacturers an arrangement by which Britain will receive an average of 700 American fighting planes a month over the next 20 months, reported the Washington correspondent of the New York "Sun" yesterday.

This means that counting planes already under construction, the British Government could buy a total of 14,000 planes by April 1942, if it desired.—Reuter.

**NAVY WILL
NEVER BE SUNK
OR SURRENDERED**

Britain has assured the United States of its intention "never to surrender or sink the British Fleet in the event of the waters surrounding the British Isles becoming untenable for His Majesty's ships," it was stated in Washington yesterday.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull wrote to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, on August 29 asking if it was correct that Britain had announced her intention not to sink or surrender the Fleet, and Lord Lothian replied in the affirmative.—Reuter.

**1918 ACE
WINS BAR
TO D.S.O.**

Wing-Commander W. E. (Crack 'Em) Staston, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., an air ace of the last war, has done it again.

Dodging and misleading the heavy defences of Bremen for over an hour, he finally dived through glaring searchlights to 1,000ft. to blast an oil depot.

His plane was hit by six shells, one doing considerable damage, but he reached his home base safely.

For this gallant exploit "one night in May," Wing-Commander Staston has been awarded a bar to the D.S.O. he got last February.

Crack 'Em Staston, who is now forty-one, brought down twenty-five machines in the last war, and was awarded the M.C. and D.F.C. He was then nineteen.

His Enthusiasm

His enthusiasm made him lead the destructive R.A.F. raid on Sylt last March, although his rank should have kept him on the ground.

He is a native of Tutbury, Staffs. His wife is living at Ripon, Yorks.

**MOTHERS GO TO
SHELTERS EVERY NIGHT**

EVERY DAY AT dusk little knots of women, most of them elderly, some with small children and babies, may be seen going along the front of a south-east coast town carrying blankets and hot-water bottles.

They are modern cave dwellers—driven to seek shelter in the heart of the earth for fear of air raids.

They sleep 75ft. down under the cliffs, in the labyrinth of tunnels which stretches for miles. The tunnels were converted into air-raid shelters at the commencement of the war. There these people cannot hear the scream of air-raid sirens, which had in the past few weeks roused them from their beds. The sound of gunfire, which had been disturbing their sleep, is deadened.

The tunnels are brilliantly lit electrically. Deck-chairs which in happier times filled the beach at summer time are now used as beds.

A reporter visited these cave dwellers, who emerge as dawn breaks to return to their homes and their breakfasts, leaving again

just before dusk for the shelter.

Hot Water Bottles

About seventy women, a few men, children and babies, wrapped in blankets were sleeping in beds made of two deck-chairs joined together.

Babies were fast asleep in perambulators or in their mothers' arms. Most of them had hot-water bottles around them for the cold early morning condensation causes dampness.

"I come here every night," one old woman said, "because I live a long way from the shelter. I should find it difficult to get here if the sirens went."

A mother of two small children said:—

"My husband is at sea and I am alone in the house. It is good to think that my kiddies are perfectly safe in the event of an air raid. It is them I think about."

STRONG, UNITED AND CERTAIN OF FINAL VICTORY

TWELVE MONTHS OF WAR FIND THE BRITISH EMPIRE, DESPITE A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC SETBACKS, STRONG, UNITED AND CERTAIN OF EVENTUAL VICTORY. THIS WAS THE THEME OF THE LONDON PRESS YESTERDAY MORNING, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF WAR.

Summing up the year, "The Times" says we can see that where the defence is adequately equipped the destructive possibilities of aerial bombardment have been exaggerated.

In general the loss of life in this war has been much less than anyone would have dared to forecast a year ago. The manpower of the nation, therefore, is not seriously depleted by casualties of the first year, and our material resources are substantially intact.

On the other hand we have suffered a worse series of strategic disasters than the most pessimistic imagination could have contemplated a year ago.

We now know for certain that when our rising aircraft production has given us numerical parity, as it will do within a known time, our attacking forces of bombers, already doing heavy damage, will become irresistible.

Meanwhile we answer Hitler's domination of Europe with the power to draw on the resources of all the other continents which command of the sea guarantees us.

Turning Of Tide

Thus we enter the second year of war confident that though the tide has ebbed far, it has turned and is already following to victory.

The "News Chronicle" says the start of the second year of war finds us united, certain of eventual victory and already proving by spectacular deeds of courage and resource our power and determination to destroy all the assaults of our enemies.

Hitler's early successes were easy because they were achieved against ill-prepared or half-hearted resistance. Now that for the first time his forces find themselves matched against a foe who is both resolute and strong, his rebuff is plain for all the world to see.

The "Daily Herald" says that for 12 months the murky tide of cruelty, corruption and oppression has rolled on but has not submerged by its onrush two rocks which stand to-day more strongly embedded than before.

Island Fortress

One is the unanimous conviction of the whole world of free men that the cause for which Britain and her allies are fighting is beyond question just.

The second rock is in this island fortress itself. It stands like an outpost in the very jaws of the world's enemy and knows itself to be far more securely defended than in the anxious moments of three months ago.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN MINISTER'S NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

M. Manoilescu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, had a nervous breakdown after his brow-beating by the Nazis at Vienna, it was revealed in the Rumanian press yesterday.

The famous Vienna specialist, Otto Elschimmel, left Bucharest on Monday after having accompanied M. Manoilescu back from Vienna on the orders of Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL UNIT IN BRITAIN

The first American hospital unit to serve under the Ministry of Health has arrived in Britain. Manned by volunteers, it is staffed by eight doctors—all professors of surgery—three fully-trained nurses, and two additional workers.

Dr. Wilson, head of the unit, said that they would work in Britain if necessary or would willingly go abroad if required.

Dr. Wilson was amazed when he arrived to see so much shipping carrying on normal business.

He was also very impressed by the morale of the British people, especially during air-raids.

"The only thing that seems to worry them is the time wasted in the shelters!" he commented.—Reuter.

REVOLT AGAINST VICHY

The French Pacific islands of Tahiti, Moorea and Paumotu, by 5,564 votes to 18, declared for General de Gaulle at a plebiscite held to decide the islands' attitude.

The Governor of French Oceania has been arrested and the administration of the islands assumed by a provisional government pending the nomination of a new Governor by General de Gaulle.

The news was announced in Wellington yesterday by the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, who said he had received the information from Papeete, capital of Tahiti.—Reuter.

126 'PLANES IN SZECHUEN RAID

Invading Szechuen in three waves, 126 Japanese bombers yesterday raided two towns north of Chungking, Nanchung, 145 kilometres to the north-west, and Kwangan, 65 kilometres east of Nanchung, yesterday.

Meagre reports said the raiders dropped many bombs but the extent of the casualties and material damage is not yet known.

Air raid sirens were sounded in Chungking, but the raiders did not approach the wartime capital.—Central News.

RAIL NAMES MAY GO

A special committee, including members from the Services, is investigating whether the names on railway stations should be removed in an effort to muddle parachute raiders.

The Air Ministry, it is understood, is pressing for the removal of the larger names on railways.

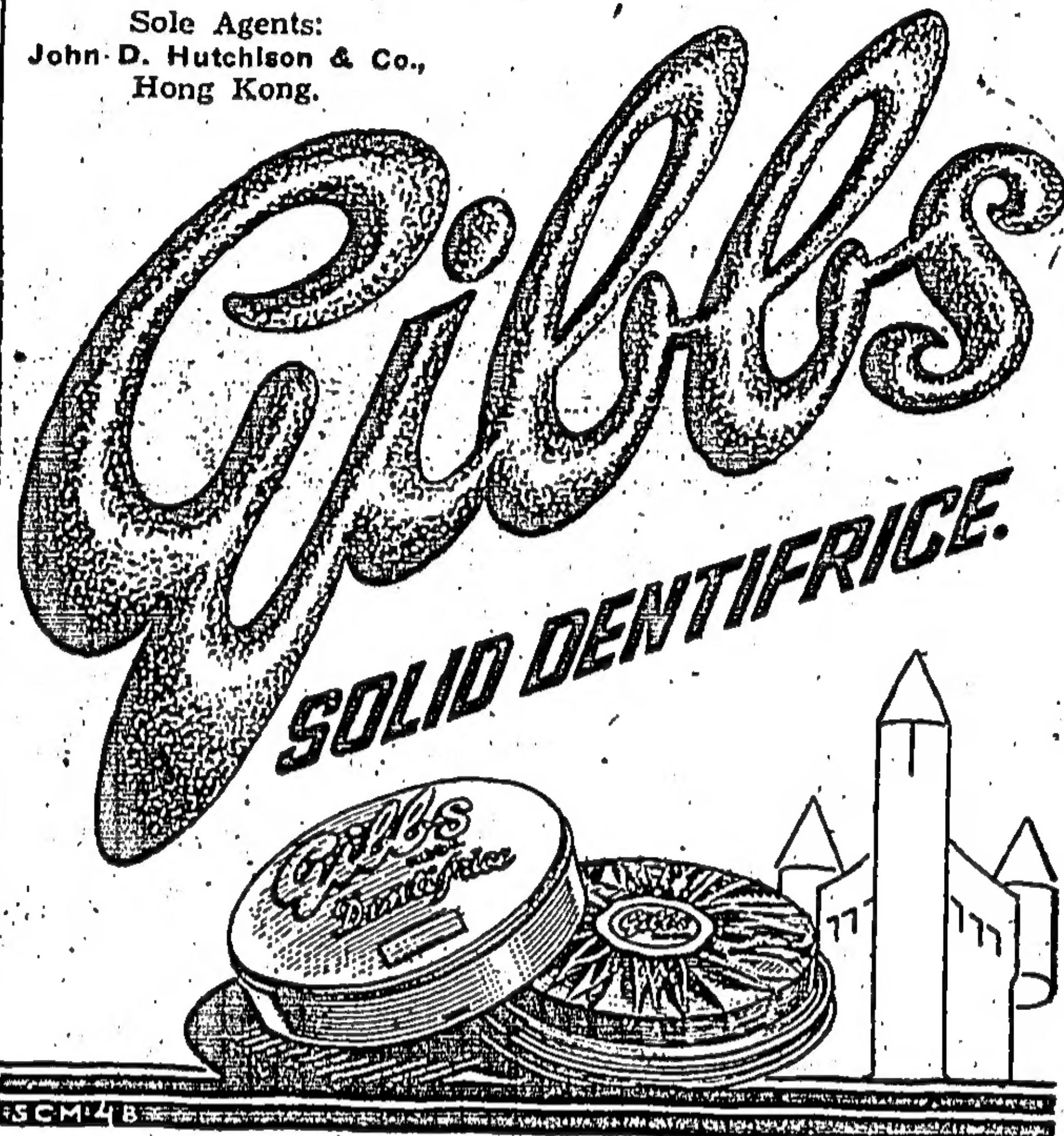
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A DEEP FINESSE

A good player often decides close bidding questions because of the presence or absence of eights and nines rather than deuces or treys. The hand below shows how useful an "intermediate" card may be:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 7 6 4 3 2
♥ A K 7
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 4 2

♠ A
♥ Q J 10
♦ A J 7 6
♣ 3 2

♠ K 7 5
♥ K Q J 10 9 8
♦ 8 4 3
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | 2♦ |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the King. Declarer noted a possible loser in each suit, so had to find a way to eliminate one loser. A simple finesse of the club Queen would suffice if East held the King, but South looked for some additional chance.

He found it in the possibility that East held either the King or the Jack-ten of clubs. At the second trick, therefore, he led a low club from the dummy and finessed the nine.

As it happened, that knocked out West's King. West returned a heart, dummy winning with the Ace, and South promptly cashed the Ace and Queen of clubs to discard the heart loser from the dummy. Only then was it time to draw trumps.

Note that East would not have gained anything by playing the ten of clubs at the second trick. South would finesse the Queen, losing to West's King. But on the next trick South would successfully finesse the nine, and dummy's losing heart would go off on the club Ace.

Yesterday, as dealer with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 9 8 4
♥ A K Q 7
♦ 8 3
♣ J 10 2

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Although the hearts are considerably stronger, the opening spade bid makes later bidding much more comfortable with this hand.

Score 100% for one spade, 60% for one heart, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 506

To-day you hold the same hand and, with Oswald Jacoby as your partner, the bidding continues:

| You | Schenken | Jacoby | Burnstone |
|-----|----------|--------|-----------|
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HUSBAND HAD NINE WOMEN SAYS WIFE

A woman who alleged that her husband had committed misconduct with nine women was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court.

Misconduct was not denied, but the husband, Phillip Chandler, pleaded condonation by his wife, Freda May Chandler, of Langham Street, W. This she denied.

The marriage was in 1937, at Worthingham register office, and Mr. and Mrs. Chandler afterwards lived at Sonning, Berkshire.

According to the case for Mrs. Chandler, there was trouble over other women within a few weeks of the marriage and in September, 1938, she found a diary which indicated the misconduct alleged in the petition.

Mr. Chandler, who gave an address at Campden, Glos., contended that the act of condonation took place last month.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Bucknill said that in order to bring her petition within three years of the marriage, Mrs. Chandler swore an affidavit in which she alleged that between May 27 and August 29, 1938, Mr. Chandler committed adultery on nineteen occasions with nine different women.

As for the discovery of the diary even if it were, in part a work of imagination—and he was disposed to believe that it was in part—coupled with the evidence and the fact that the charges of adultery were not denied he was satisfied

that Mr. Chandler had committed adultery.

The only issue remaining was that of condonation. "There is no doubt that there must be deliberate perjury on one side or the other unless Mr. Chandler is the kind of man who imagines this sort of thing," Mr. Justice Bucknill said.

It was not likely that Mrs. Chandler, a woman of thirty-four, who had been divorced, would have condoned her husband's adultery in the way Mr. Chandler suggested.

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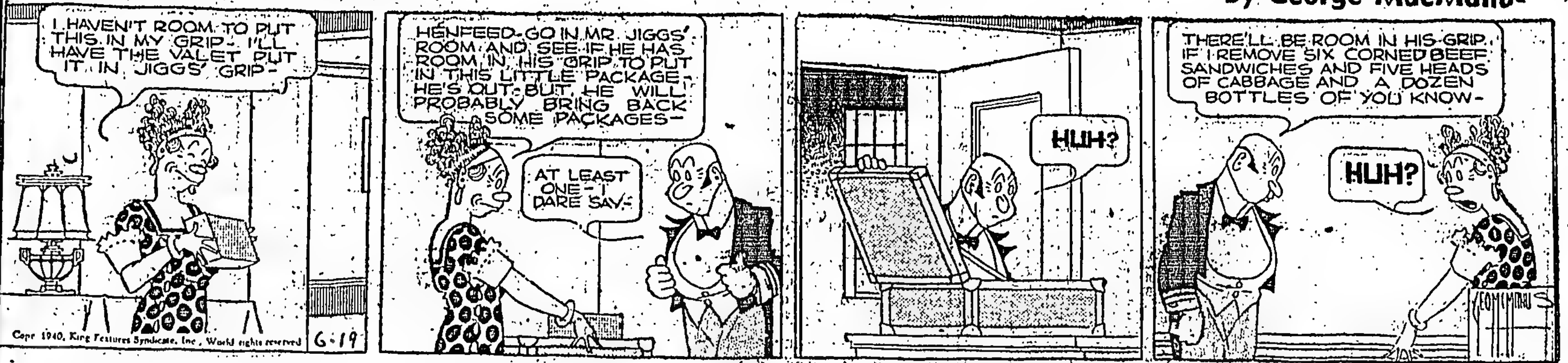
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Your Personality

Are you as lovely and fascinating as you might be? That is a good question to ask yourself during months in which women are apt to slump.

Your mirror will reveal any grooming indifference, but it takes a quiet hour of self-questioning to determine your personality deficiencies. And you must bear in mind that charm is equally dependent upon careful grooming and the personality you display to your public!

Are people attracted to you? Do they seek your company? Do people speak favourably of what you do and say? Are you happy in your friendships with others, or are you conscious of lacking that spark of personality which attracts?

Those are very difficult questions to ask oneself but one must begin a personality rejuvenation by being candid in self-analysis. If you are unhappy, or if you are missing joys in life, you might as well get down to the root of the trouble and correct it!

Grade Your Own Personality

The best way of correcting personality faults is to realise what constitutes a pleasing personality—those characteristics which attract others to you. Here is a group of questions which will permit you to determine your own grade.

Are you vital? Is your health up to par?

Are you enthusiastic or simply disinterested in everything?

Do you greet friends with a happy smile or a frown?

Are you interested in your friends' problems or do you wear out their patience always talking of your own?

Do you delight in consistently

keeping yourself nicely groomed?

Have you a hobby? Or are you at a loss what to do with your free hours?

Do you keep up with things currently so you may intelligently discuss subjects with those you meet socially?

Are you skilful in any one sport, art, profession or trade?

Do you embrace duty as good-naturedly as you do play? (If you are not happy with the work you must do each day why do you not endeavour to change your job or determine what makes you dislike it and then try to correct it?)

Are you capable of sacrifice, understanding and love?

Can you be humorous under stress?

Have you courage to meet danger and hardship, knowing that they come to everyone?

Do you allow jealousy to overrule your good sense?

Do you live up to your personal pride or do you follow the sheep?

Do you allow for shyness in your own personality and in others?

Do you run after mirages and fail to see diamonds in your own backyard?

Do you hide your light under a bushel so friends cannot discover how attractive you can be?

Are you definitely social (liking people) or do you just sit back wishing you could be popular?

Kept Escape Diary For His Wife

For fifty-eight days a British soldier hid in the mountains of Norway from the Germans, keeping a diary for the wife he never expected to see again.

Two months after he had been reported missing, Private Douglas Mountain, twenty, of the Leicestershire Regiment, arrived at his mother's home in Pretoria Road, Ibstock, Leicestershire, wearing Norwegian clothes and carrying a dagger in his belt.

His wife, hearing nothing from him, had already left her home and had gone to live with her mother in Comberford, Staffs, where the other day she showed her husband's diary and souvenirs of his adventure.

Escaped In Boat

"I want my little boy to have this diary when he grows up," Mrs. Mountain said.

"My husband started it on the first day of his 600-mile tramp through the mountains of Norway, escaping from the Germans," he wrote. "It for me, as he never expected to see me again."

"He and six others were four days crossing the sea to England in a fishing boat. For two of these days they had no water to drink."

"For four days they lived on nothing but sugar, while they were hiding in the mountains."

Recording how they tried to make skis to help them over the snow, Private Mountain wrote:

"Still thinking of you, darling, and wondering if you are all right. God bless you. Slept on straw in a mountain shack. Had plenty of milk, but very little food. Travelled ten miles over mountains in a blizzard."

"We have been missing three weeks now, darling."

Sinking In Snow

Other entries stated:— "We have just seen the first human being for four days. Left Gyensheba about eleven o'clock and crossed the mountains to Edsbugaker. We had a terrible time. We kept sinking to our waists in the snow."

"Trying to make skis to help us over the snow. I am still thinking of you, darling. After seventeen hours' travelling we find Germans are about."

"But we passed round them to a farm where we slept in some hay."

After spending few days' leave with his wife and child, Private Mountain has returned to his unit.

Palm Leaves On Novel Swim Suit



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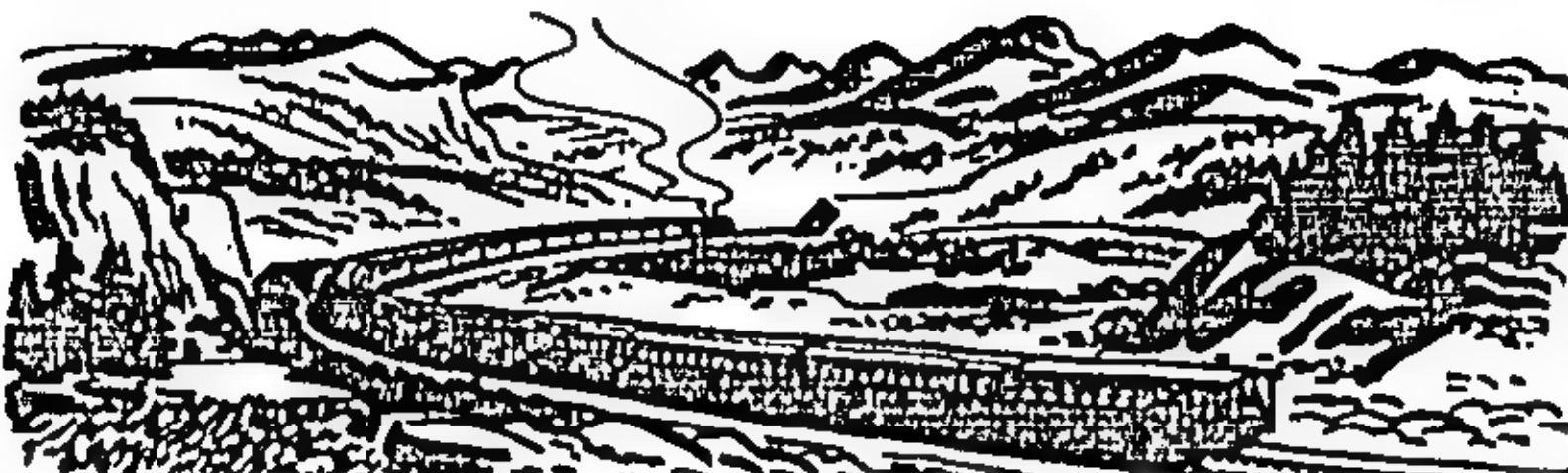
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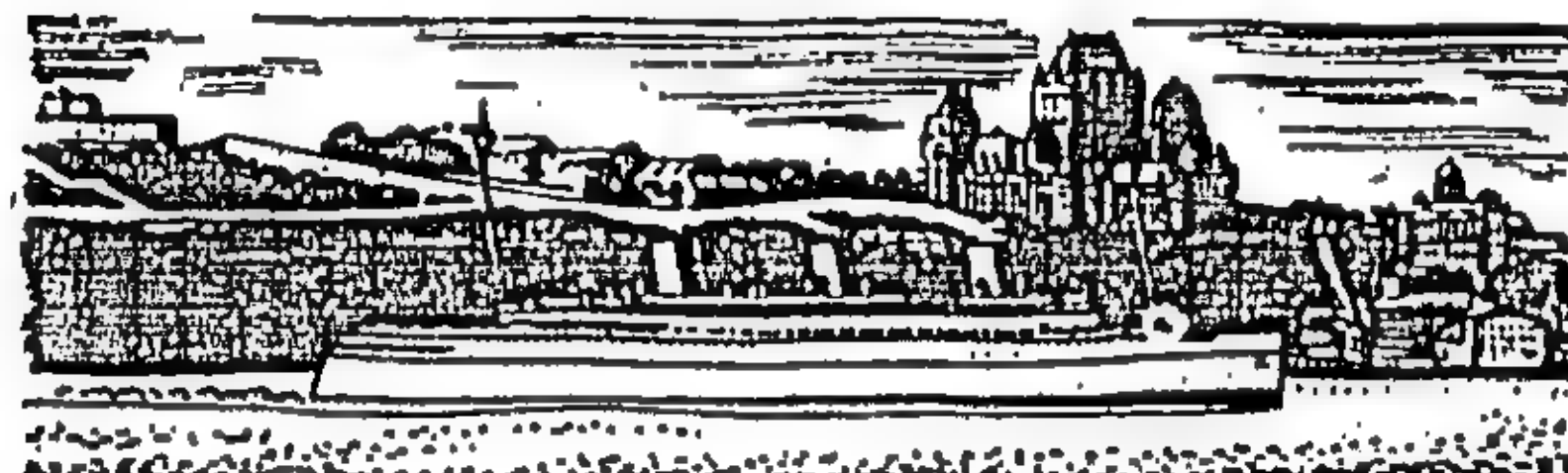
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.
1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.—Clapham and Dwyer, Jack Buchanan, Elsie and Doris Waters, and Arthur Marshall.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance Music.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
7.00 p.m.—A Programme of Light English Music.

Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates): 1. I pitch my lonely Caravan; 2. Bird Songs at Eventide I heard you singing....New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Shipmates O' Mine (Teschemacher-Sanderson); Son O' Mine (Wallace)....Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Piano.

Summer Days—Suite (Eric Coates)....Light Symphony Orchestra.
The Devout Lover (Pollock & White)....Dennis Noble (Baritone).

Valse from "Wood Nymphs" (Eric Coates)....Light Symphony Orch.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

8.34 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Act II.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Reproduction of talk by Sir R. Vansittart on the Anniversary of the Outbreak of War.

9.45 p.m.—The Royal Command Performance, Albert Hall, 1939.
To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies)....Isobel Baillie, Elsie Sudaby, Astra Desmond and Chorus.

The Cloud-Capt Towers (Stevens)....Massed Chorus, cond. by Sir Hugh Allen; Y. Bor Glas (Welsh Folk Song)....Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus; Twinklydillo (English Folk Song)....Robert Easton and English Chorus; England (Parry)....Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus; Jerusalem (Parry)....Massed Chorus; National Anthem (Final version)....Massed Chorus.

10.00 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
10.15 p.m.—Light Variety Programme, by Charlie Kunz, Florence Desmond, Jay Wilbur, Livi Emilio (Tenor), Lucienne Boyer, Charles Valda, and Tino Rossi (Tenor).

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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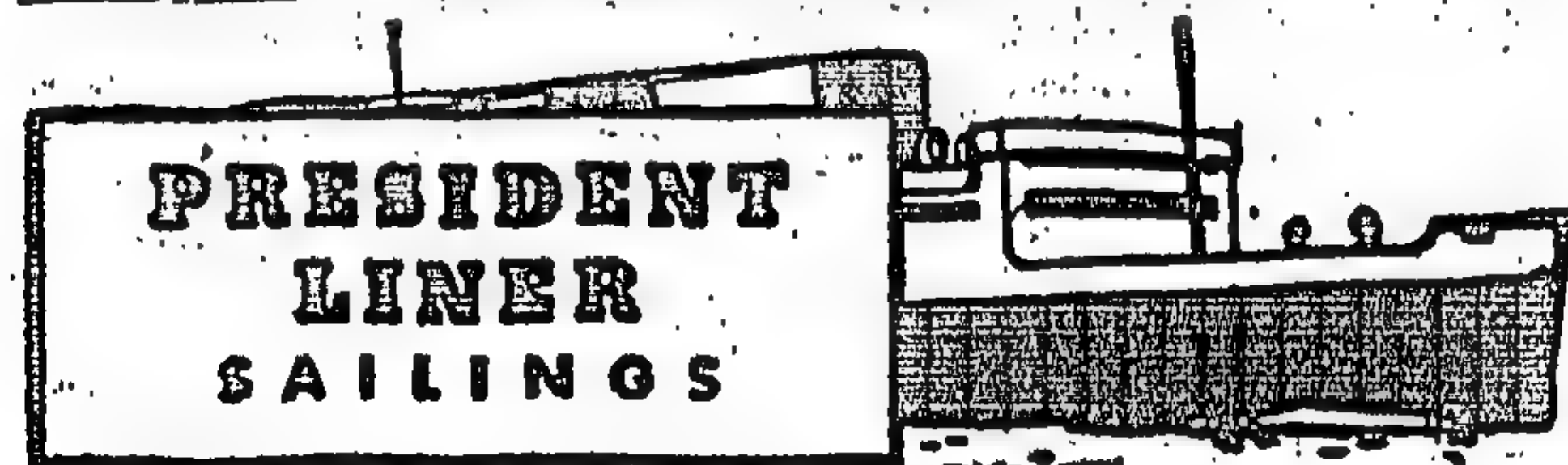
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BASEBALL NOTES

United States Outhit Portugal But Costly Errors Cause Downfall Sensational Portuguese Four-Run Rally In Sixth Inning

Glut Of Homers In Sunday's Game

By "Grandstand"

FEATURING A SENSATIONAL sixth-inning rally which netted them four runs, Portugal wrested the Mamak Baseball Trophy from the U.S.A. in the International play-off last Saturday at Caroline Hill.

Toeing the rubber for the U.S.A., moundsman "Diamond" Jim Harvey limited the Portuguese to only five blows, but conceded a free pass when Bertie Gosano couldn't dodge the onion coming down. Harvey's smoke balls had 10 Portuguese batters parading to and from the platter for 10 strikeouts, whilst Portugal's own chucker, "Spotty" Pereira, accounted for four Americans but was found for 10 hits.

The Portuguese squad started well, and looked good when George "Strawberry" Souza slapped Harvey's first offering against the centre-field embankment for a double, and pilfered third to be in scoring position. Harvey got himself out of the hole by retiring the side in one-two-three order.

The first Portuguese run was handed out by Groverdale, when he fumbled one of the pitches and allowed Pereira to come home standing up.

Costly Errors

Although the Stars and Stripes outhit the Portuguese aggregation, costly errors proved their downfall. Two expensive miscues by Groverdale in the third, when he gave Lino Gosano a life on a dropped third strike and advanced him to second for messing up George Souza's swing in his anxiety to hold the bermuda, paved the way for two Portuguese markers. In the eventful sixth inning, with ducks in the pond, Deegan passed a lazy roller to let two more Portuguese cross the plate. Nick Beltrao, replacing Caco Marques, slashed a single to left to enable Pereira to scamper home with the tieing run, and Lino Gosano laid one down the first to sacrifice Beltrao for the tie-breaker.

The same inning was marked by a display of fireworks on a close decision at second which caused a lot of bad language, but then there are always these smart alecs who holler on a decision. In this case an out-fielder squawked the most.

Portugal killed whatever rally the Stars and Stripes had in their last time up, by retiring the side in succession. Williamson fled to Lino, whilst Deegan and Groverdale grounded to Souza and Zinho Gosano. Alvares did sterling work behind the plate, but his stickwork was nothing to write

home about, except that he equalled the local record with his imitation of a housewife swatting flies in his three times up!

Locals Overwhelmed

On Sunday, Uncle Sam's battle-waggon took the second of five-game Hong Kong All-stars-U.S. Navy series, with two more to go. Fielding the Asheville team, assisted by the Mindanao battery of "Bad News" Powlawski and Tony Muschavage, the bluejackets overwhelmed the local nine by 8 runs to 2.

On the hillock, Powlawski whiffed seven Hongkongites, but issued two Annie Oakleys, whilst Madsen Arculli fanned eight and issued only one free ticket. Powlawski allowed six hits whilst Arculli was connected for nine times, six of which occurred in that fatal second inning, which allowed six Navy runs for as many hits to put the game on ice. He recovered for the rest of the game. He had to deliver the goods—or else!

Home Run Glut

The game featured a crop of home-runs, "Powerhouse" Stan Leonard banging one through the fence for his side, whilst Rhodes

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was officially announced this morning that the heats for the forthcoming swimming championships will be swum off at V.R.C. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th, 18th. and 19th. of September, respectively.

Entries for the championships close on Saturday, 14th. September.

and Powlawski also four-baggered for the Navy.

Together with his home-run, Leonard batted 1,000 in his three trips to the plate, which is hitting in any League.

The All-stars had three potential runs on the sacks in the third with one away, but bone-head play by Wally Ching, when he tried to pilfer second to force Winglee home, killed the possible rally when Winglee was tagged at the counting station. Again in the seventh Obeir Arculli, perched on third, got signals crossed up and was nabbed stealing home on a bunt which was never bunted!

Only double-play during the week-end was made by Sondag to Douglas in this game, when "Sparkplug" Sondag grabbed Tony Alves' line drive and heaved the onion to Douglas at first to nail "Bambino" Dave Leonard, who was stealing down second and forgot to put on the brakes.

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE WILL CARRY ON

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE END of the baseball season looming, talk of softball is again current among enthusiasts. From enquiries it is learned that most of last season's men's teams will again participate, but there have been rumours in some quarters that the Ladies League will be abandoned.

These rumours, which are presumably based on the recent evacuation of the fairer sex, can definitely be discounted as I learn on good authority that the Ladies League will definitely be carried on.

It is true that a great number of ladies have departed from Hong Kong, but the effect on future softball has been exaggerated. Pirates being the only club which will definitely be unable to field a team.

Recreio have lost a couple of players but their scouts are already hunting around for new talent.

Wahoos have been greatly affected by the loss of their battery of Therese Noronha and Lena Luongo, but they are die-hards, and hope to produce a new battery.

Panthers In Form

Baby Panthers are affected hardly at all, most of their players still being here. Coach Cesario Xavier informs me that they are in better form than ever before.

Wildcats have already started practice, and it is rumoured that they have obtained the services

of Nancy Maxwell, formerly of the Cubs, to hold third base for them.

Cardinals should still be in the League, as I can see no reason why they shouldn't be, while the Ballgirls, I am given to understand, will be playing under different colours, and will be seen together in the same squad. No news has been heard of the Cubs, but with their school re-opening to-morrow, definite information should be forthcoming soon.

C.C.C. v K.B.G.C. MATCH TO BE CONTINUED TO-DAY

Craigengower will continue their First Division Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon Bowling Green Club this afternoon at the Valley.

The game was stopped on August 10, owing to rain after U. M. Omar had beaten A. Hyde Lay by one shot.

The other two rinks are all square and there still remain seven heads to be played between the two rinks.

OPEN SINGLES BOWLS

GOODWIN ENTERS SECOND ROUND

A FAIR NUMBER of games were played yesterday in the First Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship and the results were more or less as expected.

At Craigengower C. Dowman Marques had two fours and five beat his club-mate J. C. Aitken 21-12 on the 22nd head. Dowman scored two possible on the fifth and 18th heads, and two threes during the game.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 9 |
| 10 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| 11 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| 12 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 11 |
| 13 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 12 |
| 14 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 12 |
| 15 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 12 |
| 16 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 13 |
| 17 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 13 |
| 18 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 13 |
| 19 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 15 |
| 20 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 15 |
| 21 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 16 |
| 22 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 16 |

Goodwin Wins Easily

F. Goodwin had an easy passage against S. M. Rumjahn to win by 21-8 on the 15th head. Rumjahn scored on four heads which included a four on the 11th. Incidentally this is the first time after many attempts that Goodwin has survived the first round of this competition.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 6 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| 7 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| 8 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 3 |
| 9 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 3 |
| 11 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 7 |
| 12 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 8 |
| 13 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 8 |
| 14 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 8 |
| 15 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 8 |

Soares Just Beaten

At the 12th head, E. C. Fincher was leading F. X. Soares by 17 shots to 11, but only won by 21-18 on the 18th head. Soares started off with a four but at the fifth head Fincher was leading 9 shots to 5. Fincher scored a possible on the fourth head.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 7 |
| 8 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 9 |
| 9 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 9 |
| 10 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 11 |
| 11 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 11 |
| 12 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 11 |
| 13 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 12 |
| 14 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 14 |
| 15 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 14 |
| 16 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 16 |
| 17 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 18 |
| 18 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 18 |

Holland Wins

Scoring on only three head, J. E. Noronha was badly trounced by A. M. Holland who won by 21-5 on the 14th head. Holland score four threes in the game.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 4 |
| 7 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| 8 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 4 |
| 9 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 5 |
| 10 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 5 |
| 11 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 5 |
| 12 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 5 |
| 13 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 5 |
| 14 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 5 |

Big Win For Marques

C. E. Marques had the biggest win of the afternoon when he beat A. Jillot by 21-4 on the 14th head. Jillot scored four singles

Burling's Recovery

Down 17 shots to 8 at the 17th head, W. J. Burling made a good recovery to lose by 15 shots to 21 on the 23rd head against H. White. Burling scored a four at the 19th head and scored on 12 heads.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| 8 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 4 |
| 11 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 |
| 12 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 5 |
| 13 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 6 |
| 14 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 6 |
| 15 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 7 |
| 16 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 8 |
| 17 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 8 |
| 18 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 9 |
| 19 | 2 | 19 | 0 | 9 |
| 20 | 0 | 19 | 4 | 13 |
| 21 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 14 |
| 22 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 15 |
| 23 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 15 |

Bower Trounced

Rakusen had things his own way against A. Bower and won 21-8 on the 21st head. Rakusen scored a three on the 16th head.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 10 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| 11 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| 12 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| 13 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 15 |
| 14 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 16 |
| 15 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 16 |
| 16 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 19 |
| 17 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 19 |
| 18 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 19 |
| 19 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 20 |

Morton's Spurt

Led at the 10th head by 10-5 Coelho recovered well and at the 18th head was on level terms with A. Morton, but the latter scored on the next four heads for the required shots to win 21-13.

| Head | Shots | Total | Shots | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 |
| 8 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 10 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| 11 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| 12 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| 13 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 10 |
| 14 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 10 |
| 15 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 10 |
| 16 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 13 |
| 17 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 13 |
| 18 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 19 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| 20 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 18 |
| 21 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 19 |
| 22 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 21 |

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme of First Round matches in the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship:

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| At Civil Service | |
| V. Chittenden | W. K. Way |
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WISDEN'S CRICKETERS' ALMANACK ARRIVES: INTERESTING AS EVER

Five Cricketers Of The Year; Big Advance Of Avery

By "ADREM"

THE CURRENT COPY of Wisden's cricket almanack is just to hand and, as usual, apart from complete records, contains a wealth of interesting figures and comments on cricket for 1939-40.

The five cricketers of the year are L. N. Constantine, W. J. Edrich, D. V. P. Wright, A. B. Sellers and Walter Keeton. Recognition of the first-named, long recognised as one of the most colourful personalities ever to have played the game, seems to me to be somewhat belated as the West Indian, now in his 38th year, toured England as long ago as 1923, when his fielding at cover-point earned the plaudits of all the critics.

Constantine is now engaged in League cricket in England and recent cables reveal his presence in the several war-time representative matches that have been played.

Great tribute is paid him by Wisden which says of him: "A cricketer who will never be forgotten, who took great heed that all nature's gifts should be, as it were, expanded by usage, a deep thinker and an athlete whose every movement was a joy to behold."

Edrich, of Middlesex, has played in first-class cricket for only three years "but this short space of time has been crammed with a diversity of happenings. He has been on two foreign tours, he has performed the unique feat of scoring over 2,000 runs in each of his first three seasons and his experiences in Test matches have been truly remarkable."

Wisden comments on the fact that Edrich has been persevered with in the face of continued non-success as a run-getter in Test cricket and recalls his run of failures in the tour of South Africa in the winter of 1938, when his first five scores were 4, 10, 0, 6 and 1 and his last, when England went in with 696 to get at Durban, a brilliant 219 to make possible a wonderful victory which rain and the necessity of returning home prevented.

Footballer Too

Before concentrating on cricket Edrich played football on the left-wing for Tottenham Hotspur. He is now serving, like so many other great cricketers, in the Royal Air Force.

D. V. P. Wright, of Kent, was prior to 1937, when "Tich" Freeman was still in operation, referred to as "promising." Thereafter, given more to do, he rapidly came to the fore as a leg-break and "googly" bowler, particularly deadly because no-one using the same methods delivered the ball at anything like such a pace. Improving rapidly, Wright would have made even further progress in the "season that was not to be." He is now serving in the H.A.C. in the same unit as the two Kent amateurs, F. G. H. Chalk and B. H. Valentine.

A. B. Sellers stands out as the most successful county captain of all time. Second in command of the Yorkshire eleven in 1932, he soon found himself virtual leader, because F. E. Greenwood could play very seldom. He was in charge for 25 matches and did not know defeat. From there he went from strength to strength and he has led Yorkshire during which time they won five championships in seven seasons. Although not a captain with the cricketers' accomplishments of D. G. Bradman or W. R. Hammond, Sellers is not without his own little niche of personal fame. In 1934 he made the only century ever hit for an amateur for Yorkshire off Australia, scoring 104, two years later at Cambridge, stands as the only score of 200 by a Yorkshire amateur.

Sellers is quoted as saying of the Yorkshire team: "We are out to win; if we cannot do so, good luck to our opponents, but we are not going to give them a chance if we can help it." Walter Keeton, of Nottingham, credited with the highest score of the 1939 season—312, not out scored for the school.

Keeton was picked to play for England against Australia at Leeds in 1934 and made 25 and 12. He also played against West Indies last season but did not come off.

In his earlier days he was a useful Association footballer, appearing for Sunderland and Nottingham Forest.

Influence Of War

So much for the five cricketers of the year. A particularly interesting article is "cricket in wartime" by Major H. S. Altham, who traces the first match under such conditions—in 1744—to the Great War and then on to to-day.

I shall try to reproduce this article in the near future.

The influence of the war—which came upon England towards the tail-end of last season and caused the West Indians to abandon several of their fixtures—is noticed throughout the current Wisden but it is the same Wisden, possibly even richer in detail, containing those little instances, so trivial to the non-cricketer but so precious to the person who appreciates cricket and its traditions.

The averages reveal no huge aggregates owing to a curtailed season, the batting being headed by W. R. Hammond and Len Hutton, Test cricketers last year, followed by contemporaries in the England team, the youthful Hardstaff and Compton.

It is worthy of note that veteran Herbert Sutcliffe is still far from being out of the limelight and he follows those named with an average of 54.46 for an aggregate of 1,416.

A. V. Avery, who played at Kowloon Cricket Club when he visited Hong Kong with the Islington Corinthians football team, has made a great advance and although kept out of the Essex team for some time owing to illness, he secured 1,335 runs for an average of 41.71, his name appearing 14th on the list.

Hutton had easily the greatest number of centuries, scoring 12 against Denis Compton's eight, the next best.

Veterans Verity, Bowes and Goddard appear in the first four bowlers, the last-named being the only first-class cricketer to capture 200 wickets.

Old Hong Kong cricketers will be interested to learn that "old friends" in Flt.-Lt. Musson, Lt. Comdr. R. H. Stephenson, Lt. M. R. "Micky" Branwell, Capt. T. E. Halsey and R. G. W. Melsome played in the services games at Lord's.

Recent publication of the fine form of A. B. Sheldon, of Halleybury, the son of Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., makes his figures for 1939 even more interesting. Sheldon finished third in the batting averages with 29.53 for 414 runs, on Saturday. Players are asked to bring both a coloured and white shirt.

KWONG WAH'S RECRUITS

Kwong Wah Athletic Association will be greatly strengthened in First Division this season, as it is understood that they have secured the services of A. V. Gozane, B. Gozane, J. Pereira and C. F. Remedios, all formerly of St. Joseph's.

LEAGUE TENNIS

ARMY IN FORM

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army Tennis Club beat C.S.C.C. by eight sets to one in "B" Division of the Tennis League.

Col. J. S. Smith and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (A.T.C.) beat I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall 7-5
beat W. J. Skinner and R. Todd 6-2
beat B. Agafuroff and C. Sloan 6-1

Col. L. A. Newham and Maj. L. J. C. Lock (A.T.C.) beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6-4
beat Skinner and Todd 7-5
beat Agafuroff and Sloan 6-1

Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.) beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6-4
lost to Skinner and Todd 2-6
beat Agafuroff and Sloan 7-5

C.R.C. Win

At King's Park, Chinese Recreation Club beat South China Athletic Association 8-1.

League Table

| | S.C.A.A. | P.W.D.L.F.A. | Sets |
|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| C.R.C. | 7 | 6 | 0 1 47 15 12 |
| C.D.R. | 7 | 6 | 0 1 49 10 12 |
| K.T.G.C.A. | 5 | 4 | 0 2 33 30 10 |
| A.T.C. | 6 | 3 | 0 3 29 18 8 |
| C.C.C. | 3 | 2 | 0 1 17 9 4 |
| I.R.C. | 5 | 1 | 0 4 14 30 2 |
| K.C.C. | 6 | 1 | 0 5 13 36 2 |
| H.K.C.C. | 3 | 0 | 0 3 5 21 0 |
| C.S.C.C. | 7 | 0 | 0 7 10 53 0 |

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's "C" Division League Tennis programme:

| | | |
|------------|----|------------|
| C.R.C. | v. | A.T.C. |
| S.C.A.A. | v. | C.D.R. "A" |
| K.T.G.C.A. | v. | H.K.U.J.C. |
| J.R.C. | v. | C.B.A. |
| H.K.P.S.A. | v. | C.D.R. "B" |

ARMY TENNIS

Two First Division Army Tennis League matches were decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Army Pay Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps scored a victory over Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Signals respectively.

R.A.S.C. v R.A.P.C.

Royal Army Service Corps lost to Royal Army Pay Corps by 6 sets to three.

Cpl. Martin and Cpl. Young (R.A.S.C.) lost to Adam and Murray 3-6
beat Pinkney and Carden 6-1
beat Reed and Stone 6-2

Lt. Cpl. Moore and Cpl. Glen (R.A.S.C.) lost to Adam and Murray 1-0
lost to Pinkney and Carden 2-6
beat Reed and Stone 6-3

Pte. Gibbs and L/Cpl. Fare (R.A.S.C.) lost to Adam and Murray 5-7
lost to Pinkney and Carden 5-7
lost to Reed and Stone 1-6

R.A.O.C. v SIGNALS

Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat Royal Corps of Signals by 9 sets to nil.

S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) beat Cpl. Gorman and Sig. Bevan 6-1
beat Cpl. Tomlinson and L/Cpl. Pitcher 6-2

beat L/Cpl. Love and Sig. Dixon 6-1
Capt. Bridge and Cpl. Boocock (R.A.O.C.) beat Gorman and Bevan 6-2
beat Tomlinson and Pitcher 6-3

beat Love and Dixon 6-6
S/Cdr. Gardner and L/Cpl. Stonor (R.A.O.C.) beat Gorman and Bevan 6-5
beat Tomlinson and Pitcher 6-2

beat Love and Dixon 6-1

"Y" HOCKEY PRACTICE

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will begin its season with a practice match at King's Park at 4.15 p.m. on Saturday. Players are asked to bring both a coloured and white shirt.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

In a friendly game on the Club ground on Saturday, Royal Scots beat Club by four goals to nil. It is a little too early to predict the chances of the Royals in the forthcoming football season, but from what one saw from the performance on Saturday they should go a long way. The

Association

Football

goal scorers were Fleming (2) and Hossack (2). Best goal was scored by Hossack, who, after beating three of the Club's players, made a terrific left foot drive which beat Odell all the way. Of last year's players Naysmith and Fraser have lost none of their form, and Symons, promoted from the Scots' junior side, showed great promise in the half back line. Only once did the Club come near to scoring, when Fulford shot by the upright with Marshall well beaten.

Royal Scots second team also played the Club's second team and beat them by 3 goals to 1. Godfrey, a newcomer to the Scots, played fairly well in goal.

Royal Army Service Corps sprung a surprise on Navy last Friday when they played a friendly and beat them by 6 goals to 3. Navy had most of their first XI playing but this did not seem to upset the Corps, as they were strengthened by one or two players from Shanghai and Home. They have entered a team in Third Division this year, as well as one in Second Division and this team will consist of several of last year's senior players.

Royal Air Force, in a friendly game at Kai Tak, beat the Combined Military Hospitals by 9 goals to nil, and should offer strong opposition to any team in Third Division. They were lacking the services of Edmunds and Solby, who will not be playing this year, and also Goodwin and Barkett who were unable to turn out.

On Saturday we will be able to see the Middlesex side in action and by the rumours that are going about they should be worth watching.

Last week they entertained Royal Air Force at Shamshuipo and beat them by 3 goals to 1, and, under the management of P. S. M. Overy this year, should do well in League football.

DURING the past week we have

been able to see the Royal Corps of Signals, and the Royal Scots swimming teams in action. The Signals held their annual swimming gala last Thursday at the Army Swimming pool, with the Wireless Telegraphy Section beating the Rest to win the Inter-Section trophy.

One of the outstanding features of the gala was the excellent plunging of Sig. Latter, whose three attempts were all near the 50 feet mark. Royal Scots were the winners of the invitation race (Lt. Hunter, Bandmaster Jordan, L/Cpl. Slater, and Cpl. Sutherland). Time 2 mins. 59.2/5 secs. The Inter-Section Water Polo competition was won by the Wireless Telegraphy Section who trounced the Rest by 7 goals to nil, the goal scorers being Cpl. Bedford (3), Sig. Allen (2), Sig. Bennett (1), and Sig. Willis (1). The Inter-Mess Relay was won by the Mens' Mess (76.2/5 secs.) with the Corporals (86 secs.) second and the Officers and Sgts. third—still coming in!

At the Royal Scots Swimming Gala held on Saturday evening, "HQ" Company were the most successful with "D" Company giving strong opposition. The best feat of the evening was that of Bandmaster Jordan who excelled in the Medley Relay. At the take-over the Bandmaster started off with a deficit of more than 15 yards but he managed to pick this up and took the lead to win by a couple of feet.

The invitation 200 yds. Back stroke was won by A. K. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.) Time 2 mins. 55.1/5 secs. Invitation Ladies free style was won by Miss V. Churn in fine style in an exciting finish, with Miss I. Lopes finishing a close second. Time 46 mins. 3/5 secs.

Billiards

It has been proposed to hold the Garrison Billiards Tournaments probably towards the end of September. The following competitions will be played:—
1. Hong Kong Garrison Billiards Tournament.

2. Hong Kong Garrison Challenge Cup.
3. Hong Kong Garrison Soldiers' Club Tournament.
4. Hong Kong Garrison Amateur Billiards Championship.
5. Hong Kong Garrison Amateur Snooker Championship.

TO day the Middlesex Regt. are playing the Royal Scots in the Semi-Final of the Large Units' Knock-Out Competition at the Army Swimming pool.

Water Polo

On Monday, in the Small Units' Knock-Out Competition, "HQ" Company Royal Scots trounced "C" Company Middlesex by 11 goals to nil.

We are still waiting for the Signals to play off their match with the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. in the Large Units and the winners of this match play the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. in the semi-final.

It has been proposed to run a Table Tennis League in the Garrison and any one interested is invited to communicate with Sgt. Brackenbury, Royal Corps of Signals, Victoria Barracks Hong Kong.

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New Targets At Genoa And In Germany Bombed

FIFTY FOR THE DAY

It is now known that a further eight enemy planes were shot down by A.A. fire on Monday, making a total for the day of 50 down. — Reuter.

RAILWAY BLOWN UP

The Peiping-Tientsin Railway was dynamited at two points by guerillas on Monday night near Langfang.

The line was completely interrupted until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese spokesman in Peiping confirms also that a freight train was damaged but there were no casualties. No fighting is reported. — Reuter.

Service Restored

The first passenger train since the cutting of the Peiping-Tientsin Railway by guerillas left Tientsin at 5.20 yesterday afternoon and proceeded to the point where the rails were torn up. The train is expected to go on to Peiping later.

Traffic was also temporarily interrupted yesterday afternoon east of Tientsin. It is reported, without confirmation, that the stoppage of the service was due to guerilla activity at a small station about 100 kilometres from Tientsin. — Reuter.

Large Scale Operations

NEW TARGETS IN Germany and Italy were attacked by aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Monday night, states an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

The dynamite works at Schlebusch, to the north-east of Cologne, and the important railway junction, San Pier D'Arena, at Genoa, were heavily bombed.

Other aircraft attacked the electric power station at Genoa, oil installations at Ludwigshaven and Frankfurt, the Bosch Ignition Plugs factory at Stuttgart for the second night in succession, the Bayer explosives works near Cologne, the Dortmund-Ems Canal, and gun emplacements at Cap Gris-Nez.

Two of our aircraft were lost in these operations.

Coastal Command aircraft bombed supply ships at sea off the Dutch coast and another supply ship in a Norwegian harbour in the Sogne Fjord, and also brought down a Dornier flying boat into the sea.

Attacks were also made on oil tanks at Flushing and the harbour at Ostend. One of our craft has not returned. — Reuter.

MONGOLIAN PRINCES CONFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

All Mongolian princes and dukes in Inner Mongolia have just concluded a two-day conference at Kalgan on the development of the territory. The conference was presided over by Prince Teh, head of the Mengkiang federated autonomous government. — Havas.

WOMEN SUMMONED: FAILURE TO REGISTER

A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN AND PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS WERE SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR FAILING TO SIGN A RETURN OF PARTICULARS UNDER FORM NO. 2, OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.

The first summons was against Mrs. Vera Joan Armstrong, wife of Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

Detective-Sergeant Harris asked the Court to amend the summons to Form 1 instead of Form 2. It was also said that the Police were satisfied that most of the people whom were being summoned did not intend to evade registration. They had probably been misinformed through the press and the radio that they had to register within a certain period.

Mr. Armstrong, who was appearing for his wife, said that if the summons was amended to falling to register, he would plead not guilty on his wife's behalf. He had already sent a letter to the Registration Office stating that his wife is not in the Colony.

Mr. Sheldon said that since the Police were not pressing the case he would not amend the summons.

The summons against Miss Beatrice Maria Alves, of No. 302, Prince Edward Road, Mrs. Vera Joan Armstrong, Mrs. Olga Basto Remedios, of No. 29, Granville Road, Miss Margaret Jean Rainey of Kowloon Hospital, Miss Rose Hobbs of Queen Mary Hospital, Mrs. Letitia Remedios Xavier and Miss Carmen Augusta Xavier of No. 64, MacDonnell Road, and Mrs. J. S. Landolt and Mrs. Edris Maria Christina D'Aquino Carvalho of No. 10, Salisbury Avenue, were all withdrawn.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada was representing Mrs. and Miss Xavier, while Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios was appearing for Mrs. J. S. Landolt, who is at present in hospital.

TREASURY ORDER

The Treasury announced in London yesterday a revised list of currencies the holders of which must offer for sale to the Treasury.

The list includes Argentine pesos, Belgian Congo francs, Canadian dollars, Netherlands East Indies guilders, Netherlands West Indies guilders, Newfoundland dollars, Panamanian dollars, Philippine pesos, Swedish kronor, Swiss francs and U.S. dollars. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

Nine cases of Cholera were reported to the Health Authorities yesterday, eight occurring in Kowloon and one in the New Territories. There were also 11 cases of dysentery, seven of typhoid, two of meningitis and 56 of tuberculosis.

During the week ended on Saturday midnight, 48 cases of Cholera (14 deaths) were registered. The majority (38 cases) occurred in Kowloon, and seven on the Island.

There were also 205 cases of tuberculosis (132 deaths), 50 of dysentery (27 deaths), 15 cases of typhoid (five deaths), five cases of diphtheria (one imported), three cases of meningitis (two deaths), and one case of measles.

Intensive police precautions are being taken to-day in the foreign areas in Shanghai, it is believed to guard against reprisals for yesterday's shooting in the Settlement. Liu Han-ha, naturalised Japanese of Formosan origin, who was the victim of yesterday's slaying, was known to be pro-Wang Ching-wei. The police are reported to have received information that anti-Chungking elements might attempt to strike back to-day. — Reuter.

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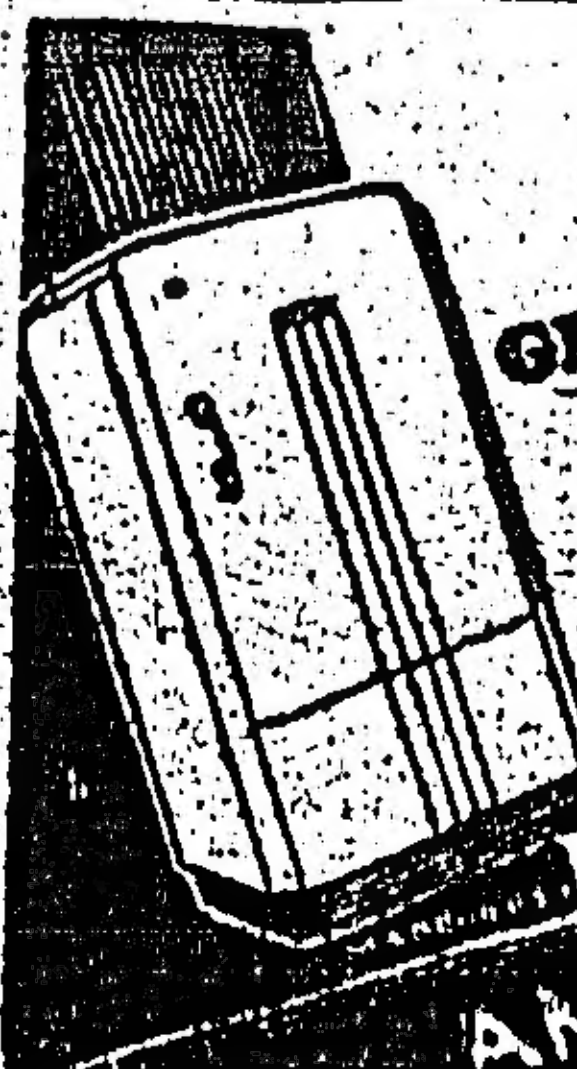
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